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**Comment Of The Day**

**KEEP YOUR TEMPER**

It must be apparent to anyone who has driven a car in Hongkong, or anywhere else that once the simple mechanics of driving are mastered, good driving is simply good manners.

And so, by the same token, it must be just as apparent to most car drivers in the Colony, that good driving is at a discount.

It is difficult to understand why people, whose manners would be impeccable in a drawing room, or at a cocktail party, go absolutely haywire once a steering wheel is in their hands.

Many drivers in Hongkong say that there is no profit in being courteous. That once they give way and allow another motorist to roundabout, they are stalled for minutes, while people less courteous than themselves, accelerate and seize more favourable places in the line of traffic.

**Perfectly True**

NOW, that is perfectly true, and while no one who starts off by being courteous and finishes, a sucker, can be humanly immune from irritation, we ask can any good come of losing your temper on the road?

During the past few months, we have become aware of the efforts of the Traffic Department, has made to obtain efficient and courteous driving on the roads of the Colony.

Both on the Island and the Mainland, signs have been placed in strategic positions telling drivers to get into the right lane before approaching a traffic diversion.

**The Weaver**

BUT in spite of that, we are all aware of the drivers, particularly taxi drivers, who weave from one lane to another in order to obtain an unfair advantage.

Cones are placed in the road in the fond and foolish hope that they will deter the selfish motorist from overtaking at dangerous corners, or approaching a traffic island at a dangerous speed, but every morning, we find these cones knocked over.

Long unbroken white lines are drawn down certain roads, warning the motorist that he must not cross them to overtake. But they are crossed by the arrogant driver, with considerable peril to the oncoming traffic.

**Only Human**

It is only human, therefore, to ask ourselves, why we should allow the other chap to get away with it.

The reason is this. He does seem to get away with it, but it is only a matter of simple arithmetic to state that it won't always be the case, and neither will the other driver if he allows himself to be goaded into retaliation.

The Hongkong roadhog is a vicious beast. Leave the bad driving to him. Retain your natural courtesy. Let him break his own silly neck. Don't let him break yours.

**Coldest Day Of Winter**

The temperature dropped 16.5 degrees yesterday to record the lowest minimum this winter—52.7 degrees.

And it's going to get colder, a spokesman for the Royal Observatory said this morning. The spokesman said he expected the temperature to drop to about 50 degrees tonight. The maximum temperature expected today should be in the region of 65 degrees.

It should remain cold today and tomorrow. As for Christmas Eve, I think the weather should be cool and fine, but it's difficult to say.

Reports are still coming in on Typhoon Gilda, and a ship near the centre noted winds of 60 knots. At 8 a.m. it was about 100 miles off the Indo-China coast and was moving west or west-north-west at 14 knots.

**Claim For Alleged Libel**

Paris of a letter written by Mrs Beatrice Church, and published in the Hongkong Tiger Standard on June 30, were alleged to be libellous by Mr Patrick Yu in the District Court this morning.

Mr Yu represents the plaintiffs, A & A Company (a firm), of 905 Commercial House, 35 Queen's Road Central, publishers of a booklet known as "Around and About Hongkong," which is the official organ of the Hongkong Tourist Association.

They are claiming damages for libel amounting to \$3,000, and costs, from Mrs Church, who is chairman and managing director of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, Ltd., Marina House, Hongkong.

Mr Yu alleged that Mrs Church had falsely and maliciously written and published, and caused to be written and published a letter concerning the plaintiffs, in the way of their business and in relation to their conduct concerning the booklet "Around and About Hongkong."

In consequence, the plaintiffs had been severely injured in their character, credit and reputation and in the way of their business, and had been brought into public scandal, odium and contempt.

Counsel referred to the defence file, and said that Mrs Church admitted writing the letter, but submitted that the relevant words in the letter were "fair comment," made in good faith and without malice, on a matter of public interest.

Mrs Church is represented by Mr O. V. Cheung, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comber of Hastings and Co.

The hearing before Judge K. R. Macfay continues.

**STOP PRESS**

**Pleads Guilty To Charge Of Manslaughter**

In a Supreme Court trial lasting only 45 minutes, 20-year-old deckhand Brian Leslie Fenton, of the ocean-going salvage tug Welshman, pleaded guilty this morning to the manslaughter of fellow seaman, Leslie George Metcalfe, and was sentenced by Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr to two months imprisonment.

Metcalfe died from a brain injury following a fight with Fenton on the deck of the Welshman in the early hours of November 20.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, told the judge after Fenton's plea was taken that morning that the deceased appeared to be given to quarrelling—especially when he was drunk.

"The overall picture is that the deceased was very drunk on the night of November 19. There is evidence of a slight argument between the accused and the deceased over the tug's towline earlier in the day."

**Had Knife**

"It appears that the deceased argued with almost everyone aboard that night and he did have a knife—over which there was a scuffle."

"It is not clear what the argument which led to the fight was about, but whatever it was they went on deck to settle it in the time-honoured manner—the result of which being that Metcalfe died of cerebral haemorrhage," Mr Collier said.

He said it was not a case of a savage attack and there is no evidence of any heavy blows being thrown.

"There is evidence by the fourth, Engineer, David Turner that the bosun, Kenneth Dron, said: 'Leave them alone, this has been coming up for some time,' he said."

Mr Blair-Kerr: "This could mean that the deceased had been asking for trouble for a long time."

Mr Collier: "Yes. This was later repeated in evidence in the District Court committal proceedings."

**Technicality**

"The accused has been given good character references by the master of the tug who said he was a first-class seaman and as an individual would sooner help than hurt anybody. While of Metcalfe, the master said he was just cantankerous and inclined to be argumentative, especially when drunk."

Mr S. V. Gittins, for the accused, said Fenton was caught in

"Stumbling" Sailors' Fate Undecided

The two American sailors who "stumbled" into China came back yesterday morning with unexpected "Christmas gifts"—they were in Chinese clothing which they do not have to return.

Asked what happened to their old clothing, Mr Roy Heinicke, Press Officer of the American Consulate-General, said: "They brought it back in their bags."

Mr Heinicke said this morning that the two were taken away from the Consulate last night and were now in custody aboard a ship.

"They will probably be court-martialed by the Naval Authorities," he said on. "However the instructions from higher up won't be forthcoming until a couple of days."

**BEGINNING TODAY**

A special Christmas feature

**THE FIRST NOEL**

by Jim Bishop, author of The Day Christ Died.

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**Launch Caught In Typhoon**

100 Missing

Manila, Dec. 21.

Some 100 school teachers aboard a motor launch were reported missing today in Philippine waters where typhoon Gilda struck on Friday.

The Philippine News Service said the teachers were scheduled to attend a convention at Samar Island, in the Visayan Islands chain on Saturday.

However, the launch which was ferrying the teachers to Samar from nearby Zamarraga Island had been unheard of since Friday.

It was also reported that typhoon Gilda left 12 persons dead and property damage estimated at US\$2,500,000 in its wake—UPI.

**THE 'KING'S' WIFE HAS HER DOUBTS**

CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Self-elected "King of the World," American Homer A. Tomlinson revealed on his departure from Hongkong today that his wife doesn't believe his claim to being "King."

"King" Homer left this morning by J.A.L. for Okinawa after proclaiming himself "King Of Hongkong" yesterday in a ceremony in front of Government House.

He said shortly before leaving that his wife although she believed him to be a preacher she did not accept his claim to be "King of the World."

"No matter how I explain it to her she still doesn't believe me," he said.

"King" Tomlinson said that only 300 members of the Church of God faith, proclaimed him as "King of the World."

**REFUTED**

He admitted that the rest of his faith refuted his claim and some even challenged his right to be Bishop.

"However I'll prove everyone to be wrong; just as David in the Bible was a king to me I," he said.

"Hongkong and China are the 21st region that I have become king of."

"I will next become king of Japan and will travel through another eight countries before becoming fully the King of the World."

"Don't ask me why I'm King of the World, I'm not mad or a crackpot. I just feel that I possess a God-given gift to become King of the World of Peace."

"Just as Jesus came to bring peace nearly 2,000 years ago, so have I come to do the same job."

**FEELS A KING**

"I feel and know I'm King just as five years ago I felt that I was Bishop."

"Fifteen million members of my faith then assembled to pass a resolution to refute my claim."

"They did just that, but three years later they gathered to make a resolution to accept my claim."



King Homer dons his crown in farewell to Hongkong—China Mail Photo.

**Gales Hit Scottish Coast**

London, Dec. 21.

Storm comes went up around Scotland and the west coast as winds ranging between 50 and 70 miles an hour blew in from the Atlantic today.

The gales postponed for another day at least relief of the storm-bound island of Foula, north of Scotland. The 50 inhabitants were now in the 46th day of isolation.

The island shop has run out of tobacco, cigarettes and was down to its last supplies of sugar, butter and margarine.

Off the Devon coast a lifeboat picked up a Belgian-born fisherman who had been adrift 24 hours in a 20-foot motorboat—UPI.

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# U.S. ECONOMY AT PEAK

## Holiday Feeling On London Market

London, Dec. 20. Christmas shopping was the main competitor in stock markets this past week and the demand and volume of business fell off.

Nevertheless, markets were firm and the Financial Times industrial ordinary index reached a new all-time record peak of 317.2 on two days this past week but the index rose only 2.5 on the week compared with 9.1 the previous week. This higher level attracted out more stock and buyers were not so pressing.

In the industrial market, investors found plenty of Christmas cheer in the company news, particularly in steel where authoritative estimates of output in 1959 are put at between 23½ million to 24 million ingot tons compared with production of probably just under 20 million ingot tons this year.

### BRIGHT FEATURES

Cotton textiles commanded attention and engineering shares provided some bright features. Shipping shares have been especially active following the figures showing improved tramp freight rates and aircraft shares were very much in the news late in the week following news of the various proposed mergers.

Oil-edged took second place in industrial equities this past week. The foreign bond market was quiet. Some small but persistent selling of Greek issues caused prices to fall up to two points. Dollar stocks presented a mixed appearance.

The Kaffir market was quietly firm all week with most of the support coming from the Cape. Coppers were good with the doubling of the change in the dividend and the cautiously optimistic report from Rustenberg helped platinum shares. This steadily improved over the week. The oil market has been neglected and presented a rather mixed appearance. Firmest issues were British Petroleum and Burmah. Rubbers have been quiet with a firm undertone.—U.P.I.

### Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 20. The Bank of France statement for the week ended December 10, reads as follows: Total holdings of gold 432,222,227.27. Total other currencies 10,250,250.20. Sight abroad in F.F.U. 600,000,000.00. Advance to Stabilization Fund 1,000,000,000.00. Total bills discounted 1,250,000,000.00. Banknotes in circulation 3,240,791,778.120. Current accounts and deposits 237,327,218.264.—U.P.I.

## Steel Output Exceeding All Expectations

New York, Dec. 20.

The U. S. economy was enjoying the biggest Christmas ever this past week with the possible exception of car dealers who are still feeling the lingering effects of the steel strike.

So far as retail sales are concerned, coast-to-coast surveys showed they were ahead of last year's Christmas by between two and 15 per cent. For the year as a whole the sales total should run true to the predicted gain of five to eight per cent.

Car dealers were hard hit. Their sales for the first third of December were a full 26 per cent below the comparable period last year as a result of steel shortages and production losses in Detroit. Only about 115,000 U. S. built cars were delivered by dealers in the December 1-10 period. This meant daily average sales of about 12,770 in each of the period's nine selling days—the weakest early December car market in recent history. Volume was 25 per cent below the daily average of 17,100 a year ago and 31 per cent below last month's pace.

### Competition

Ford Motor Co. which kept its production going throughout the steel strike, was capitalizing on the situation which temporarily put its biggest competitor, General Motors, out of business. Ford's share of the sales amount to 44 per cent in December and 40 per cent in November last. Ford's accounts for only 20 per cent of the car market.

However, with General Motors now back to full production schedule and with Chrysler scheduled to do so this past week, the sales picture should revert to normal in volume and proportion towards the end of this month. As for the output in the first quarter of 1959, Detroit is confidently talking of turning out 2.2 million units, barring a new steel strike.

The car industry already made a giant stride towards that goal this past week. It snatched back from steel shortages with a two-year record production of 150,000 cars. This was 14 per cent over last year's output of 131,000 cars and marked the first time since November 3, 1957, that weekly car output rose above the 150,000 level.

### Steel Output

Steel production last week was the largest in the industry's history. With steel mills operating at 95.5 per cent of capacity, ingot output reached 2,732,000 tons, topping the previous all-time high of 2,657,000 tons recorded in the week of April 13, 1959. Operations this past week were scheduled at 95.4 per cent.

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## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately: \$758,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers
HONGKONG BANK	1075	1000
INSURANCES	80	87
Union	50	57
Wheelocks	50	57
Waterboat	50	57
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SHIPPING	23.00	23.00
Waterboat	5.00	5.00
Wheelocks	5.00	5.00

POCKETS, ETC.	127	140
H.K. Land	37.5	37.5
Doek	56	57.5
Provident	18.40	10.5
Taikeo Dock	39	39.5

LAND, ETC.	23.5	23.5
H.K. Land	37.5	37.5
Doek	56	57.5
Provident	18.40	10.5
Taikeo Dock	39	39.5

UTILITIES	31.75	32.25
Star Ferry	120	127
Yamutai	120	127
C. Light	19.00	19.00

Electric	23	23.10
New	23.70	13.60
Macao	11.20	13.60
Tel.	30.75	31

INDUSTRIALS	38	38.5
Cement	20	20.50
STONES, ETC.	20	20.50
Dairy	20	20.50
Waiman	19.90	20
L. Crow	25.00	25

COTTONS	8.75	8
Navy	14	3000
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MISCELLANEOUS	14.40	200
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## Industrials Show Further Gains On Wall Street

New York, Dec. 20.

Industrial stocks registered their fifth weekly gain in a row during the past week and all but registered a new record high.

Apparently the main theme of the market action centered around the steel labor situation. The market had myriad good news items but failed to follow through on them.

Institutional investors appeared to be awaiting more favorable opportunities to invest and hence advances that worried members to vote against the summit.

For a time it appeared as if the steel situation would worsen with a new strike hitting when the 80-day cooling off period ends January 26th. On Friday David McDonald, head of the Steel Workers Union told his members to vote against the companies last offer no matter what it was. Later that same day he published a new proposal for settlement.

### NEGOTIATIONS

Steel negotiations will resume next week after an idle week while the steel union which also represents aluminum workers negotiated with that industry.

An Iron Age editorial was entitled "A Christmas settle" and the editor didn't seem to be convinced the trick could be done.

The market would be happy if the two sides got together to settle the dispute in the forthcoming two weeks' time — at least before the machinery of the 1930 total and be in the third best position in history. If odd lots are added in the year's total will be well above a billion shares.

### MOTORS GAIN

Car issues finished high with Chrysler up three points and Ford up 5.4. General Motors gained a point. Studebaker rose more than two and its preferred netted 22 points.

Aluminum issues rose on higher prices for the metal and a move toward settlement of the labor contract. Reynolds Metals netted 5½ points. Alcoa five and Kaiser 4½ points.

Steels did little on the week since the rally Friday came too late to help them. Du Pont rose 7½ and Allied fell 4½ in the chemicals. Norfolk & Western started in the rally with a gain of 7½ points. Collins Radio was up 1½ in a higher electronics group. Only exception in the latter was Texas Instruments which fell four points.

Drugs continued under pressure in most instances. American Home lost 7 points. Schering an exception, rose 5½. Firestone gained 6½ in the tires on record sales and earnings.—U.P.I.

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## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

## Latest Method Of Domestic Electrical Heating

THE new British method of domestic electrical heating without a metallic element which was announced earlier this year and which has aroused wide interest in many parts of the world was officially launched at a special exhibition in London recently.

Most examples of this new heating method on view were panels which can be made to any required size and attached to walls or in new houses incorporated in the wall structure.

Panels are also made in the form of firecreens or wainscoting. The panels which are being made for home and export markets have lustre or satin finishes and are made in a range of colours to harmonise with any chosen scheme of decoration.

Heat emanates evenly from the whole surface of the panel. This is achieved by what is known as the Mhoglas non-metallic area heating element, which has resulted from research work devoted to the discovery of a method of heating large areas evenly at temperatures ranging up to 250 degrees C. The limited range of non-metallic resistance materials for the elements resulted in the choice of graphite.

The most suitable base material for a graphite deposit proved to be a fabric woven from glass fibre, the extremely fine and continuous monofilaments of which can be evenly coated with pure graphite in virtually colonial form.

The material is used for animal feeding stuff, and the oils produced are suitable for use in such processes as steel hardening and leather dressing. The British-made plants operate on an indirect steam heat drying system designed to give high outputs of good quality materials.

In recent years there has been considerable overseas demand for the firm's plants which have been sold in Belgium, Canada, Japan, Iceland, Uganda, India, Ireland, Ghana, Uruguay, Chile, Spain and the Falkland Islands.

One of the largest orders was from Russia where three years ago, ordered 20 fish meal plants, to be installed in trawlers—also built in Britain.—L.P.S.

## Test For Gas Impurities

A RESEARCH worker of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has devised a method of determining the amount of a contaminant gas, such as nitrogen, oxygen, air or water vapour in a noble gas such as helium, argon, neon, krypton or xenon.

Up to now a standard method for detecting such impurities has been by observation of the colour change when the inert gas carrying the impurities is passed through a discharge tube, compared with the colour obtained with the pure inert gas. This method is, however, limited to low concentrations. The reason is that in the case of nitrogen in argon, for instance, when the concentration of nitrogen rises to above 1,500 parts per million, the colour of the glow discharge remains the same deep apricot.

The new method is effective where the impurities are present in concentrations as high as 20 per cent.—L.P.S.

## New Soldering Process Developed

A NEW soldering process in which the flux spreads more smoothly over a wider area with scarcely any spattering of the metal has resulted from experiments carried out at the Tin Research Institute in Middlesbrough.

Mr. Lewis, Assistant Director of the Institute, conducted the experiments and used polyethylene glycol in place of acidified water as a vehicle for acid fluxes.

He reports a "virtual absence" of spattering compared with a flux based on water and no violent boiling when the flux comes into contact with a hot soldering bit and molten solder.

### The Peak

The peak production was June, when the index stood at the all-time high of 155. December was expected to help the index substantially towards regaining that peak. Meanwhile other things were going up, too, statistically speaking.

Personal income hit a record in November. It rose to an annual rate of \$384.8 billion, a gain of \$2.5 billion from October. Unlike the industrial production index for November, the personal income rate did top the previous June record of \$383.9 billion.

Cash dividend payments in November also rose considerably. They amounted to \$380 million, up from \$314 million reported for November 1958.

This occurred despite the fact that November is usually a light month for dividend payments and despite disappointing earnings reports for many companies and corporations in the third quarter. Corporate earnings after taxes declined 21 per cent to \$3,800,000,000 in the third quarter—a drop of \$1 billion from the previous quarter. Similarly manufacturing firms sales in the third quarter were down \$5.2 billion \$63.1 billion.

### Unemployment

Among the statistics that inched up in November was one that should not have been up—unemployment. It increased in November by 395,000 and totalled 3,670,000. The number of employed dropped by 1,010,000 due to layoffs in the automobile industry and others hit by steel shortages and totalled 65,040,000. Another major reason for the drop in the job-holders total was the decline of more than half a million in farm jobs as the harvest season drew to an end.

As for the personal income rise, many pointed out it should not be taken at face value. The thing to realise was that while American per capita income this year is some 53 per cent higher than ten years ago, less than half of this rise represents actual buying power. The real gain is only about 24 per cent, according to most calculations.—U.P.I.

## Record Output For Britain's Car Industry

London, Dec. 20. Britain's car industry in November set a new monthly production record.

Total car output for the month was 117,314 units or an average of 3,822 cars a week, the highest weekly figure ever reached. The previous best was 27,589 cars a week in October. In the first 11 months of 1959 car manufacturers turned out a total of 1,055,089 passenger cars. Production of buses and commercial vehicles of 32,811 vehicles in November was up by over 8,000 compared with November 1958.—U.P.I.

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## Indonesia Faces An Uncertain Economic Future

Djakarta, Dec. 20.

Asia's potentially richest nation faces an uncertain economic future.

Indonesia, abounding in natural resources that are in demand throughout the world, is in the midst of a continuing economic crisis that threatens to get worse before it gets better.

Part of the blame can be laid at the doorstep of President Sukarno's programme for implementing a so-called "guided economy," instituted as a running-mate for his guided democracy.

### LITTLE PLANNING

Like many things in Indonesia, the programme was implemented with little planning. Basically, the plan is designed to bring the national economy directly under state control.

"Socialism is Indonesia," Sukarno termed it. But the government is seriously lacking in know-how and capital in its plan to implement a guided economy.

The boldest—and probably most damaging—stroke in the government's guided economy programme was a series of economic reforms which devalued the rupiah, reduced money in circulation and froze most of the bank accounts.

One of the most serious effects of the reforms was to force hundreds—perhaps thousands—of small and medium businesses to close because of lack of capital. This was a direct result of the government's freeze on bank accounts.

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# Riots Break Out In Nairobi

## Millionaire's Son Weds Farmer's Daughter

Aarhus, Denmark, Dec. 20. The son of a millionaire Chicago banker and a 24-year-old Danish farmer's daughter, whom he met on a plane over Canada two years ago, were married in the 800-year-old red brick cathedral here yesterday.

Robert Payne Kellogg, 28, son of Mr. John P. Kellogg, and his bride, Elizabeth Erikson, became man and wife after a "love at first sight" courtship which began when she was a hostess with Trans-Canada Airlines.

Crowds stood in the Cathedral square five and six deep to see their "heroine" arrive for the ceremony in flowing white gown, carrying a bouquet of Christmas roses.

Tomorrow, the couple will travel to Norway for a skiing honeymoon at Gausdøl before returning to Canada and their future home in Edmonton, Alberta.—China Mail Special.

## AFRICANS ATTACK ASIANS, ONE KILLED

Nairobi, Dec. 20. At least one Indian was killed here today as two thousand Africans rioted throughout the city's Asian areas, attacking all vehicles with Asian drivers and shattering more than one hundred Asian-owned cars.

The rioting broke out after a drunken African was knocked down here this afternoon by a car driven by a Sikh. The Indian driver was killed when he swerved his car to avoid a shower of stones and he fell into the path of a lorry.

**RIOT SQUADS** Police riot squads have been posted at all intersections and have been chasing rioters through a maze of back streets and alleys.

European driven vehicles were allowed to pass unscathed, and Europeans walked through rioting crowds unharmless.

A second Indian driver was critically injured when, swerving to avoid a shower of stones,

he overturned his car in a ditch. Warning notices were flashed on all Nairobi cinema screens advising Indians to go home and lock up their houses immediately.

**MORE TROUBLE** Late tonight Police said the situation was in hand but warned that there could be more trouble tomorrow.

The Police said there were 12 Indians and four Africans still in hospital. A total of 20 Africans were arrested, and 64 smashed cars belonging to Indians had been towed to Police stations. Only one European car was damaged. Some twenty mobile Police parties are touring the troubled area all night.—AFP.



An 18-year-old Dutch youth and his puppy, saved by British lifeboat from a drifting barge during a gale in Torbay, Devon.—Reutersphoto.

## 3 Wounded During Attempt On Life Of Cuban Aide

Havana, Dec. 20. Gunmen on Sunday wounded three men leaving an automobile assigned to the Castro Government's Minister of Labour. Police said the shooting was an apparent attempt on the life of the official, Augusto Martinez Sanchez.

## ENOUGH POISON TO WIPE OUT A CITY

Manchester, Dec. 20. Police here late last night found a jar of poison crystals which they said were "sufficient to kill the whole of Manchester, population 682,000."

Discovery of the poison—sodium cyanide—followed an anonymous telephone call to police headquarters by a man who said that a search of left-luggage lockers at Manchester's Victoria Station would reveal "something of interest."

Police are working on the theory that the jar was stolen from a chemical or industrial works by a thief who panicked when he realized the deadly nature of the substance.—China Mail Special.

## World Bank Told Not To Grant Loan To Egypt

Boston, Dec. 20. Representative Mr. Torbert H. Macdonald (Democrat-Massachusetts) today urged American representatives of the World Bank not to grant a loan of \$56 million to Egypt for widening and deepening the Suez Canal.

In a letter to Mr. Eugene R. Black, President of the World Bank, Mr. Macdonald said that loaning the Suez Government funds for Suez's improvement "would be an act of approval of the anti-Israeli government policies of the United Arab Republic."

Mr. Macdonald said: "It is clear that no democratic government can approve of President Nasser's unrelenting war against the establishment of the Israeli Government. Yet this money would be given to the very instrument that he is using to choke off the economy of that democratic bastion in the Middle East."—AP.

## Blind Drivers

Columbus, Dec. 20. State Welfare Director Mary Gorman and Highway Safety Director J. Grant Keys said they compared notes and found several persons licensed to drive in Ohio are receiving welfare aid as being blind.—UPI.

## Journalist Offers To Change Places With Imprisoned Briton

The tabloid Daily Sketch reported in large headlines today that its correspondent in Egypt, Peter Stewart, had asked UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser's permission to exchange places over the Christmas holidays with James Zarb, a British subject imprisoned in Egypt following British intervention in Suez in 1956.

Stewart made the request in order that Zarb might not have to spend his third Christmas separated from his wife and four children, the Sketch said.

## HOSTAGE

The reporter would not as a hostage for a few days, after which Zarb would return to Cairo to complete the remainder of his sentence, the newspaper said.

## Fresh Clashes Reported In Algeria

Algiers, Dec. 20. A number of clashes occurred during the last 48 hours between French security forces and Algerian rebel groups, resulting in 200 rebels being put out of action.

Of this total, almost one third were taken prisoner. Information about rebel hideouts was gathered from aerial photographs, from people of the area, prisoners and former rebels who have rallied to the French side.

A command of paratroopers called the "Bizarre Commando" after its office. Lieutenant Bizarre ambushed a rebel group northeast of Moulou (Kabylia). Hard fighting followed in the snow and wind.

A total of 31 rebels were killed and 7 were captured. One paratrooper was killed. Lieut Bizarre and another one of his men were wounded.

Among the other clashes reported, was a battle between a French patrol and a rebel group trying to sabotage the border barrier on the western frontier, between Colomb Bechar and Ain Sefra. A total of 18 rebels were killed before the rebels retreated to Morocco taking their wounded with them.—AFP.

## Rescued

Milwaukee, Dec. 20. Mrs. Theodore Weissinger yesterday rescued "Boo Boo," a 50-pound black bear cub who was raised in captivity and doomed to death by conservation officials who feared he could not survive forest life.

Mrs. Weissinger said she felt Boo Boo would get along fine with her three dogs, her monkey and her goat.—UPI.

## Summit Meets Seen As A British Success

Paris, Dec. 20. The Western leaders' reported decision to suggest to Mr. Nikita Khrushchev a series of Summit meetings starting in Paris next April is seen here as a success for Britain which at the same time pleased the other three Western Powers concerned.

Britain wanted a series of Summits starting soon. But it was Dr. Konrad Adenauer who first suggested Paris as a site, and the choice is warmly welcomed in French Government circles.

President Eisenhower has now made it clear that he favours several Summit sessions. "The President feels it would be very difficult to solve all problems at one Summit conference," said Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerty.

## AWAIT REPLY

Mr. Hagerty also said the leaders of the Western Big Four hope for an early reply to the invitation for Summit sessions which will be handed him in Moscow on Monday by ambassadors of Britain, France and the United States.

Asked what the President thought of the current Western Summit sessions, Mr. Hagerty replied:

"The President thinks the accomplishments were fine. There's been an understanding between the Governments participating and the proposals we are making to Mr. Khrushchev were supported unanimously."

## NATO DEFENCE

President de Gaulle's Government has promised to submit to Nato a new plan for French co-operation with the Western alliance's integrated command, it was learned tonight.

Authoritative American sources said the French claim the "technical co-operation" proposal they will make within 60 days will accomplish the efficiency desired by the United States and other countries but it will not require De Gaulle to abandon his formal opposition to integration of his aerial units.

The French told the Americans of their plan shortly before the opening of the Western Summit meeting, while the Franco-American wrangle over co-operation was going on in last week's Nato Council meeting.—Reuters, AP and UPI.

## Radioactive Paint On Watch Rims

London, Dec. 20. The makers of the type of Swiss wristwatch thought to contain radioactive Strontium 90 appealed here today to all owners to take their watches to their nearest jeweller for testing.

A spokesman for Rolex Watch Company of Geneva urged persons owning "the Rolex GMT-Master" to bring the watches to Rolex dealers for refitting with a new rim, if necessary.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission said on Thursday it was trying to trace 600 of these watches because some contained Strontium 90 in luminous paint on the revolving rim. It said this could be a long-term danger to health although the likelihood was small.

A Rolex spokesman said the GMT-Master was a specialised watch for pilots, navigators, and international travellers and was produced in small quantities.

He said only one series of the total production contained the luminous rim paint in question and that use of this paint was discontinued last summer. He said the new rim did not contain Strontium 90.

In New York an estimated 100 watches of this type were sold. Some 50 to 60 of them have already been located and will be returned to the factory.—AP.

## Youngest Culprit

Milwaukee, Dec. 20. Milwaukee police believe they have captured one of the youngest traffic violators in history.

Officers yesterday confiscated a 10-year-old boy's 50-cub cc motor-driven vehicle because the motor-driven vehicle had no lights and no horn and the boy lacked a driver's license.—UPI.

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**A British Crossword Puzzle**

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			15	16	17
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20				21	

**ACROSS**

1 April demonstrator? (6).  
4 What a judge may do—or an adder? (3, 2).  
7 I speak evil of a Cypriot, for example (8).  
8 Make a deal? (5).  
9 This way out, please! (6).  
11 Either first or second would do for this (7).  
13 Synonym for the harvest field, maybe (6).  
15 If it's not kept it's not! (6).  
18 Within it is the danger zone (5).  
19 Are they served at the Royal Academy banquet? (8).  
20 "—firm" (3).  
21 You should answer this without difficulty (6).

**DOWN**

1 Snape's backbone (5).  
2 Does it have a good time in the sea (5).  
3 Continues in the saddle (5, 2).  
4 Leave on the beach? (6).  
5 She likes to see a big price on her customers' heads! (8).  
6 Shakespearean character liable to go off at any time? (6).  
7 The left-overs? (7).  
8 Old officer in the regimental band? (6).  
14 Spain said Portugal (6).  
16 Chucks theatrical companies (6).  
17 Easy on the palate (5).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Afar, 4 Scuttle, 8 Ever, 9 Aged, 10 Wagtail, 11 Suet, 12 Erse, 14 Referee, 17 Reilly, 19 Split, 22 Stripes, 26 Alms, 27 Hair, 28 Knecker, 29 Ingo, 30 Ave, 31 A-stitch, 32 Host, 33 Down, 34 Figure, 3 Red Gen, 4 Sewer, 5 Caster, 6 7th-bc, 7 Loire, 12 Erse, 13 Star, 15 Roll, 16 Eats, 18 Be-head, 20 Parish, 21 Images, 23 Tongue, 24 Incur, 25 Serve.



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## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

A BEAUTAGOGUE brings good news to ladies with red noses. It is not necessarily the demon drink which decorates that dainty proboscis with the hues of a Pyrenean sunset. Brooming may be the cause, especially breathing by night. Cold air is drawn into the nostrils, and then expelled warm from the mouth, and the nose turns red. But if the cold air is drawn first into the mouth, and then, having been warmed, is passed to the nostrils for eventual expulsion, all is well. It sounds as easy as falling off a shooting stick, but it requires iron discipline.

### A painful interview

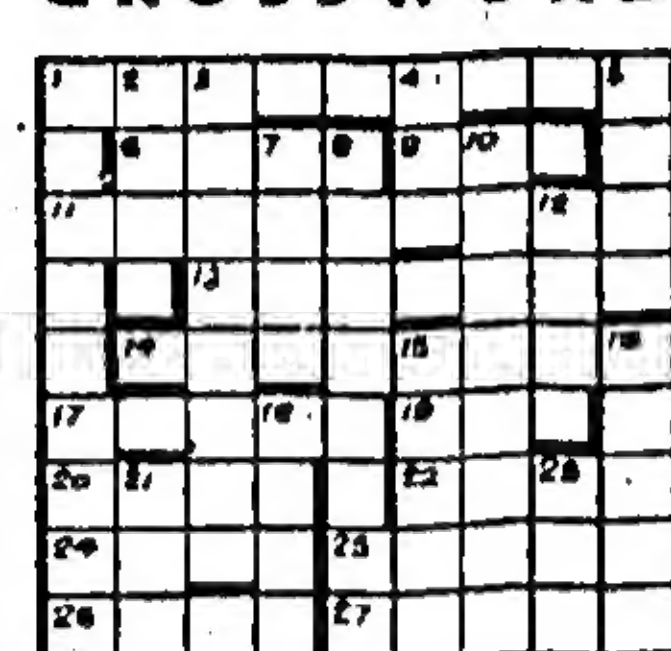
WUGWELL himself called at the Manor the other day. Colonel Wreath winced at the mere sight of him and explained that his wife's engagement and her whole mode of life made even a temporary return of La Bello

Zaboula to the circus impossible. Wugwell said sadly, "Zaboula was the only one who could ever get the seal to catch fish in its mouth in time to the music." The colonel grinned like one whose mouth is full of vinegar. Then, lowering his voice and speaking more confidentially, Wugwell said, "We always thought, between you and me and the doorman, that she'd marry Borisovitch, the Three Flying Borinellis. He kissed her once behind a horse." A telephone call put the colonel out of his misery.

### Gracious Living

THE artist who mixes red wine with his palette (to give his pictures bouquet) may have got the idea from a popular novelist. This novelist uses a magnum-sized fountain pen filled with champagne instead of with ink, and writes on black paper. The effort, even though we are silent, our deeds or failures speak volumes. And I bet he is not above drinking from the pen when stumped for an adjective.  
(—London Express Service.)

## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Found in most homes (5, 4)
  - Older neckwear (4)
  - Cold (3)
  - Estimate too low (9)
  - Starry (7)
  - Showing joy (5)
  - Ancient language (5)
  - Last month, in short (3)
  - Competent (4)
  - Significant agreement (4)
  - Idea, assertion and favour (4)
  - Little animal (5)
  - Pinch (4)
  27. Joints (5)
- Down
- Pastime for a number of people (5)
  - Doctor of music (4)
  - Faithful (4)
  3. Prophet (4)
  - Garden ornament (4)
  2. Award (4)
  10. Young (4)
  12. Fish (4)
  13. Atmosphere (5)
  16. Catalogue (5)
  18. Fine (4)
  21. 2 and 1 (4)
  23. A bird (4)
  25. A bird (4)
- (London Express Service.)

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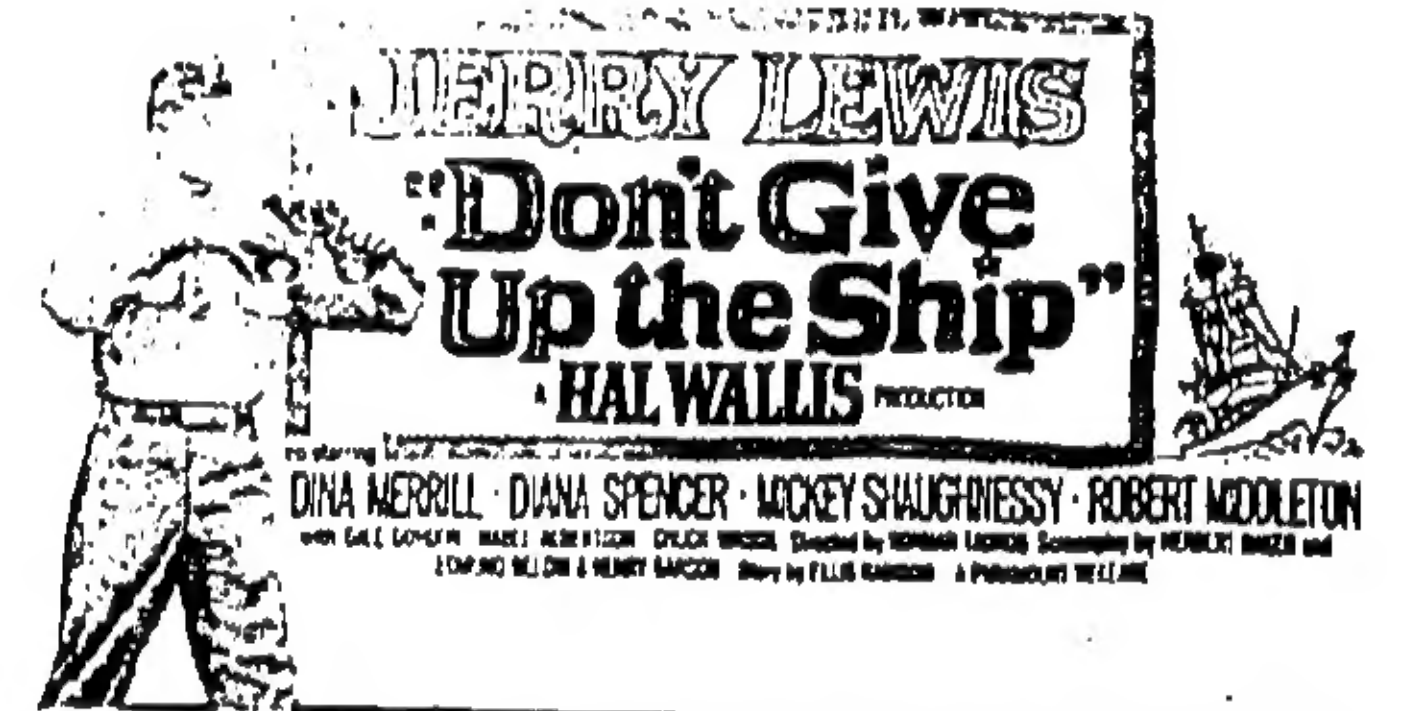
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## SHE GOT HER BREATH BACK IN TIME

Barnsley, Dec. 20.  
Mrs Minnie Dunning, 54, attended the wedding of her son today.  
Twelve hours earlier she had been dead—at least to all appearances.  
Mrs Dunning was found lying in the street, her breathing stopped. Ambulance men used an automatic breathing apparatus to get her lungs working again on the way to a hospital. She was sent home after an injection.  
"I just couldn't stay in bed when my son was getting married," she said.—UPI.

## Kersh: Taxmen Told Me What To Write

Newburgh, Dec. 20.  
British author Gerald Kersh, who has become an American citizen, alleged last night he left England because the Inland Revenue were telling him what to write.  
He said the Department carried out "a punitive expedition" against him. He left England not to escape taxation but "to be able to speak with my own voice in what I write".

He said that the Inland Revenue had told him not to write novels, "but to write more stories for the shiny magazines so they could have more taxes."

"America will be the last stronghold of our free culture," he said.—China Mail Special.

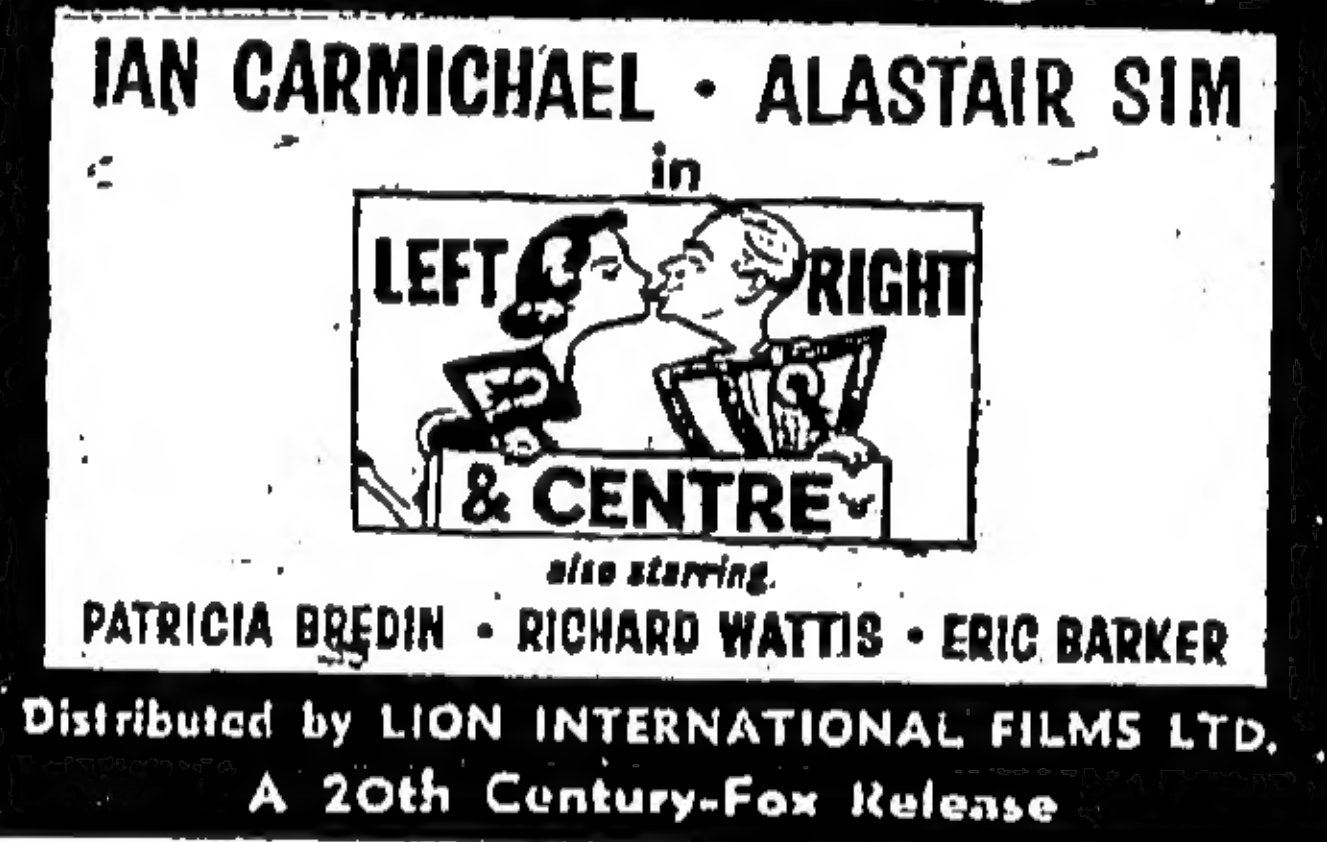
## RESTRAINT

Washington, Dec. 20.  
The Indian Prime Minister M. Jawaharlal Nehru, says he believes Russia is trying to restrain China in its dispute with India over the border problem.  
The Soviet Union, the Indian statesman was quoted as saying, is doing so because of selfish reasons.  
Mr Nehru, in a copyrighted interview with the magazine U.S. News and World Report, said:  
"Russia seems to me to be, if I may use the word, almost determined to come to settlement with the West. They are very keen on this, and for reasons one can understand. I mean selfish reasons, not for humanitarian reasons."—AP.

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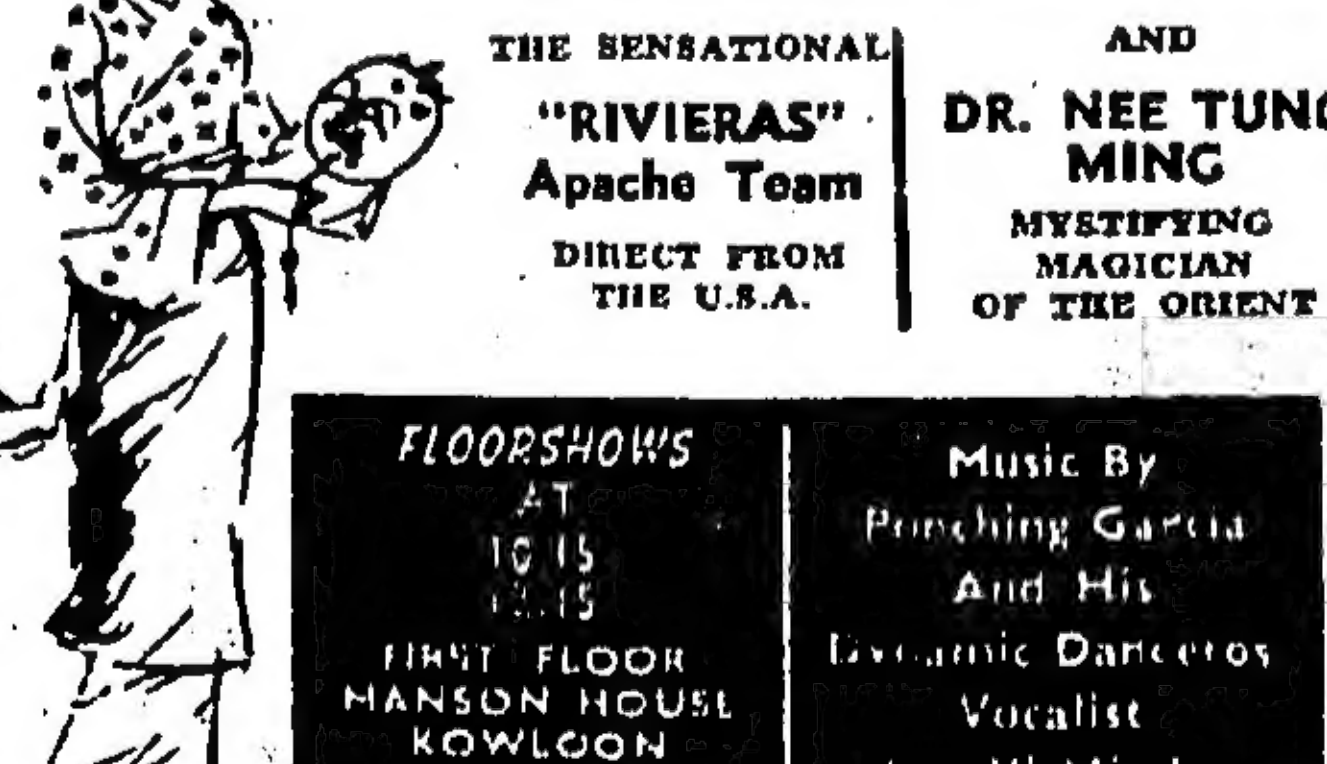
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## Dr Barbara Marches On

London, Dec. 20.  
One of the world's amazing women today trudged untiringly past the half-way mark of a long round-the-clock 373-mile trek from Edinburgh to London.

Battered, soaked, by rain lashed by wind, Dr Barbara Moore pressed on undaunted.  
"I shall be in London by Tuesday to celebrate my 57th birthday," she told a newsman who turned up on her lonely road.  
The Russian-born dietitian who claims to have the stamina of a person of 24, resumed her marathon march at dawn after resting for two hours at a roadside inn in the Yorkshire town of Borough-bridge.

Half Over  
Three hours later she stepped swiftly past a public telephone box which told her the feat of endurance was half over.  
The telephone box is 187 miles from Edinburgh and recognised by road patrols as the midway point on the London route.  
Dr Moore hardly gave it a glance.  
When she reached the Yorkshire town of Wetherby, fresh clothing, some fruit juice and a Sunday paper were waiting for her.

"Send it on ahead," she told police. "I'm not ready for it yet." Then she walked on blistered and bandaged feet.

Her Third  
This amazing marcher is on her third long distance trek in less than a month. At the end of November, she twice tramped the 110 miles from Birmingham to London to prove that women are as tough as men. The marches were achieved within seven days of each other.  
She started the third walk from Edinburgh on Thursday and has kept going night and day with no more than two hours rest in each 24.

Married to English sculptor Harry Moore, the doctor is as solid as any statue but is definitely more mobile.

Her Secret  
Her husband who is not connected with the noted British sculptor Henry Moore, has sat home waiting for her daily telephone call.  
Dr Moore eats no starch, proteins or carbohydrates and lives on a diet of fruit juices, honey and water. She is against drinking.—AP.

## A Bull In Retirement

Birmingham, Dec. 20.  
Brooke Mandore, the bull judged too beautiful to be a father, has withdrawn from the celebrity spotlight and retired to private life on a peaceful Warwickshire farm.  
Former Bill Tidy said today he has promised the one-time national hero an extra bale of hay for Christmas.  
Former Tidy's wife Barbara reported that Brooke Mandore "is perfectly all right and very fit," she said.  
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London, Dec. 20.  
Britain's long distance marching craze reached out today to the preachers.  
The Rev. T. Malcolm Richards, Vicar of a Worcester church, challenged the clergymen of his diocese to compete in a 50-mile walking race.  
"The losers," said the vicar "must agree to make a donation to the World Refugee Fund."—AP.

## Hauled Toys For 113-Miles

Aylesbury, Dec. 21.  
Eighteen students left their college at Chalfont-St-Giles on Saturday in drenching rain to pull a car-load of Christmas toys for orphans 113 miles to Watford.

They plan to hand them over today to American-born singer Lester Ferguson at the Grand Theatre, Watford, for delivery to children's homes.

By making the trek they hope to encourage others to collect for orphans.

One of them said today: "We are not hardened marchers but we are good hikers."

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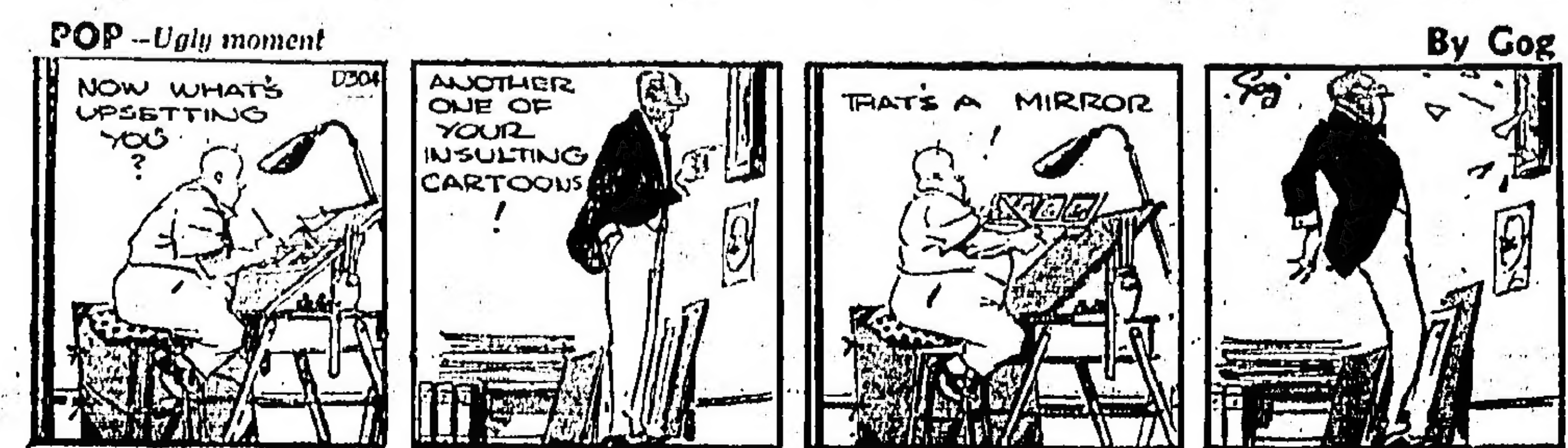


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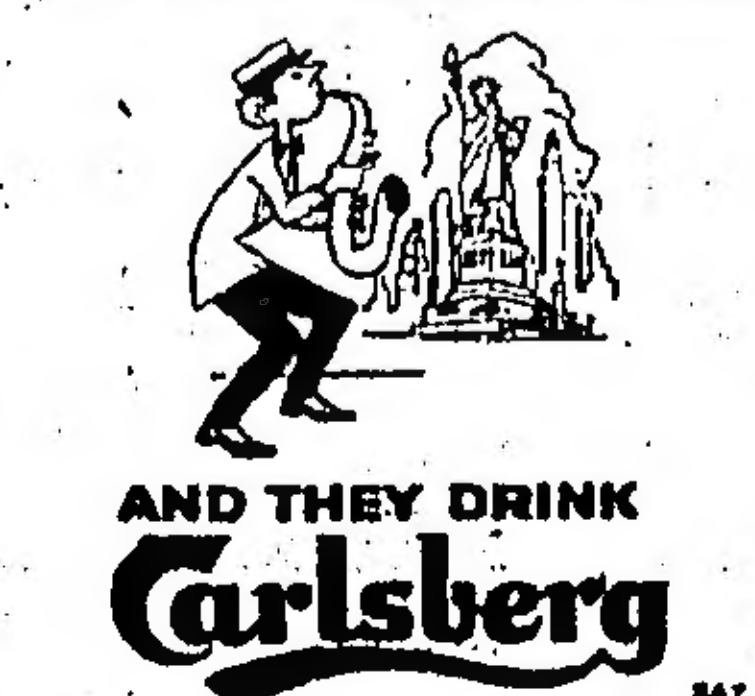
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THE road out of Bethany threw a tawny girdle around the hill they called the Mount of Olives and the little parties came up slowly out of the east leading asses with dainty dark feet toward the splendour of Jerusalem.

They came up all year long from Jericho and the Salt Sea and the Mountains of Moab and the north country of Samaria and Galilee in a never-ending procession to the great temple of Solomon. It was a spawning; a coming home; a communion with God at his appointed house.

Joseph had never seen the city. The elders in Nazareth had told him that it was a rare white jewel set in the green valley between Kidron and Golgotha and he had asked questions about it but the elders—and his father too—seemed to lose themselves in arm-waving and superlatives. Now he would see it. He reached the rise of the road, the feet strong and dirty from ninety miles of walking, and he unconsciously pulled the jackass a little faster.

"Are you quiet?" he said. His bride, called Miriam in the Aramean tongue, and Mary in others, jogged sideways on the little animal, and said that she was quiet. She felt no pain. This was the fifth day from Nazareth and, from hour to hour, she had progressed from tiredness to fatigue to weariness to the deep anesthesia of exhaustion. She felt nothing. She no longer noticed the chafe of the goatskin against her leg, nor the sway of the

## By JIM BISHOP

food bag on the other side of the animal. Her veiled head hung and she saw millions of pebbles on the road moving by her brown eyes in a blur, pausing, and moving by again with each step of the animal.

### CONFIDENCE

Sometimes she felt ill, but she swallowed this feeling and concentrated on what a beautiful baby she was about to have and kept thinking about it. The bathing, the oils, the feeding, the tender pressing of the tiny body against her breast—and the sickness went away. Sometimes she murmured the ancient prayers, and for the moment there was no road and no pebbles and she dwelt on the wonder of God and saw Him in a fleecy cloud, a windowless wall at an inn, a hummock of trees, walking backward in front of her husband, beckoning him on. God was everywhere. It gave

Mary confidence to know that He was everywhere. She needed confidence. Mary was fifteen.

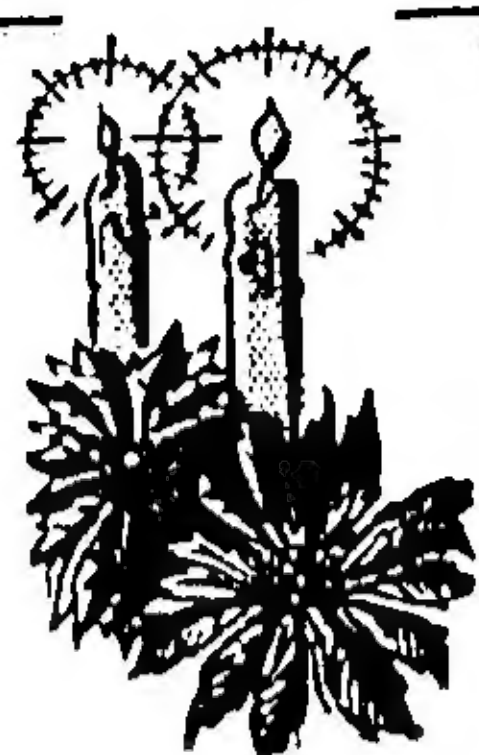
Most young ladies of the country were betrothed at thirteen and married at fourteen. A few were not joined in holiness until fifteen or sixteen and these seldom found a choice man and were content to be shepherds' wives, living in caves in the sides of the hills, raising their children in select loneliness, knowing only the great stars of the night as they lifted over the hills, and the whistle of the shepherd as he turned to lead his flock to a new pasture. Mary married a carpenter. He had been apprenticed by his father at Bar Mitzvah. Now he was nineteen and had his own business.

It wasn't much of a business, even for the Galilean country. He was young and, even though he was earnest to the point of being humorless, he was untidy and was prone to mistakes in his calculations. In all of Judea there was little lumber. Some stately cedars grew in the

"...AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and lineage of David—to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."



—Luke 2: 1-5.

powdery alkaline soil, but, other than date palms and fig trees and soft fruit orchards it was a bald hilly country.

### THE HOUSE

A rich priest might afford a house of wood but most of the people used the substance only to decorate the interior. The houses were of stone cut from big deposits 18 inches under the topsoil. It was soft, when first exposed to air, and could be cut with wooden saws into cubes. These were staggered in courses to make a wall. Windows were small and placed high on each wall, so that daily

squares of sunlight walked across each earthen floor. Mary's house, like the average, was small and set against a hill in Nazareth. At the front there was a stone door sill. Over it hung a cloth drape. To enter, the drape was pushed aside.

The interior consisted of two rooms. The front one was Joseph's shop. In it were the work bench, the saws, the augur, the awl and hammers. There were clean-smelling boards and blonde curls of shavings on the floor. In the back room was an earthen oven to the left, three feet wide, six feet long and two feet high. The cooking was done in the stone-lined interior. The family slept on the earthen

top of the oven. On chilly nights, the heat seeped through to warm the sleepers. To the right of the room was a table. There were no chairs because the only rich Jews sat to eat, and they slept leaning this way from travelling Greeks. Next to the table was a wooden tetter for the ass. He was a member of the family, and most important member because he did the carrying of the new lumber and the finished products, and he was also the sole means of transportation.

### LOVED

He was petted and loved and spoken to. On the tetter, he watched Mary go about her duties. He flicked the flies from his ears and sometimes, when tired of watching, his eyes closed and he locked his knees so that he would not fall, and he slept standing up. He was not a stubborn animal. He was most patient and he would stand while Joseph burdened him with a mound of objects and, when the bridge strap was pulled by his master, the ass lowered his head, switched his tail against his flanks, and started off, the little hooves making sounds like an inverted cup dropped in mud.

This was the winter solstice of the year 3790. The gaiety of the Feast of Chanukah had ended as Joseph and his wife left Nazareth. They had come down from Nazareth through Nain and on down into the valley of the Jordan. It was not along the valley floor, but the Jews of the upland country seldom risked travel by direct route through Samaria and Sychar, where the people at the village wells were unfriendly and untrustworthy.

Each night, when the sun was gone and the road obscure, Joseph led the ass a little way off from the river, away from the road and into a clearing where there was very little brush and few insects, and then he tied the ass, tilted the goatskin until an earthen jar was full of water, and sat. There was not much to talk about. Their minds were troubled with momentous events far beyond their scope of thought. Far beyond the rationalisation of two simple peasants of the family of David. On the few occasions when they discussed it, both Mary and Joseph became overwhelmed and shy. They lapsed into silences and Joseph would mend the conversational rip with a question about Mary's family.

### AWKWARD

Mary was big with the baby, and awkward, but she managed to fetch the food and the bread from the pouch on the near side of the donkey, and to set it down as neatly and as appetisingly as possible. There was no meat. Even at home, they never had meat more than once a week. Mostly, it was lamb, chopped into cubes and roasted and then set on a plate beside charoseth and other herbs and fruits.

They slept in the open, saving what little money they had for the day of the baby. Sometimes, when there was no moon, Joseph set the lamp on the ground and Mary removed her veil and brushed the long dark hair which hung to her waist. She said that she would like to bathe in the Jordan, and she said it wistfully because she knew that Joseph would say no, and a good wife did not dispute the will of her husband. On these occasions, he said no. He said it gently, reminding her that her time was near, that she would be their first-born, and he would not assume a risk in the river. To this, Mary made no reply. Joseph, touched with tenderness, said gruffly that the best he could do was to take warm cloths to the Jordan, wet them and wring them out, and bring them to her. Mary said that she would appreciate it.

In the morning, with the sun still behind the Mountains of Moab, Joseph arose, adjusted his tunic, and fed the animal. He worked quietly, whispering to the jackass, setting the folded blanket behind the withers, adjusting and balancing the goatskin and the food bag, before auscultating his wife. He felt an enormous compassion for this girl, but he could never explain it. Not even to himself. He had once felt this way toward a little boy who had a withered foot.

### IMPORTANT

The road was busy at dawn. Sometimes Joseph had to wait until he could find room between parties going south. The road, it seemed, was always alive. The rich Greeks travelled south out of Sephoris on sedan-chairs, servants shouldering the yokes, easily and walking steadily, on route to Jerusalem to trade with the rich Jews. The northbound traffic came from Jerusalem and also from as far away as Egypt, and there were laden with fabrics and metal objects and expensive spices. They left their elegant good wishes on the air behind them.

On the evening of the fourth day, they were at Jericho, a few miles above the Salt Sea and within grasp of Mt. Nebo to the east. Joseph wanted to stay at an inn, where they could pay for space on the floor, but Mary begged him not to do it. "This is not an important day," she said. He knew what she meant.

"One does not see a great place like Jericho often," he said softly. "It will be just as well if we eat at an inn and, as you say, sleep in the fields." He looked away. "I was thinking of you."

They ate at an inn on the far side of town, near where the wilderness begins. It was an ordinary place, catering to transients. It was a stone place, and one had to eat whatever the house offered. It came in gleaming bowls, and Mary admitted to herself that it was better than anything she had to

offer so, conversationally, she shifted the attack. "There are many people in these places," she said. Joseph shrugged. "A public house," he said. He was a medium-sized man, with deep brown curls hanging to his shoulders. The hair was thick and parted in the middle. His beard was thin and scrubby, but he wiped it with his hand as though it was full. This Mary understood, was natural in a young man.

She ate leaning against a wall. She said it made her back feel good. He stood flanking her, a wall of protection against the crush of people entering and leaving the place, babbling as though this was the last chance to inflict their opinions on others.

### HAPPY

"It is better together," she said shyly. "When we must eat in the fields, this eating is rare." Mary ate well, stealing furtive glances at Joseph and wondering what she did to deserve all the tumult of happiness she felt when he was near. It was like a tame storm in her heart, a relaxation of caution accompanied by the excitement of knowing that she did to deserve all the tumult of happiness she felt when he was near. It was like a tame storm in her heart, a relaxation of caution accompanied by the excitement of knowing that she did to deserve all the tumult of happiness she felt when he was near. It was like a tame storm in her heart, a relaxation of caution accompanied by the excitement of knowing that she did to deserve all the tumult of happiness she felt when he was near.

In the morning, Joseph led Mary and the ass into the wilderness, and it was twenty miles to Bethany, and from there, three to the heart of Jerusalem. A man with club-feet could walk it, leading an animal and a woman, before sundown. The wilderness is a barren place, the mountains, where nothing of consequence grows and the tiny peaks look like ochre and white and chalky, a place where bandits await the errant sedan chairs and the sun smiles the walker until the sweat itches his legs and softens the straps of his sandals.

Joseph stopped at the top of the rise. The ass stopped, and used a hind leg to kick the flies from the underside of his belly. Mary looked up, a sick smile with eyes partly conscious of the scene.

"Jerusalem," Joseph said, pointing. She looked. The wonderment of what she saw ceased the nausea to fade. The eyes lost the glazed look. She had heard her father describe this place when she was a little girl. A glance told her that the poor man did not know how to make anyone see Jerusalem.

Joseph opened his mouth to speak, but what his eyes saw made his mind drunk and paralysed his tongue.

### Tomorrow:

### A Foreboding

# Where Statues Go "Bang" In The Night

BOLZANO. Here in the Italian Tyrol it might almost be Ruritania. But first impressions can be so misleading.

"VICTORY over the Barbarians," said the imposing plaque on the pedestal. I was in the square of a small village in the Italian Tyrol, looking at one of the monuments that Mussolini put up all over Italy in the 1930's, after his "conquest" of Abyssinia. I looked up to see the statue above, and saw nothing.

From

BRIAN GARDNER

Only a few days before, that statue had been blown to smithereens. For, here, in one of the most picturesque parts of Europe, private armies are on the march. Some people even believe that before long they may be fighting in guerilla warfare.

And yet you could hardly imagine a more peaceful scene.

### Bandsmen

The Marmalade Mountains, their craggy peaks capped in snow, tower above. Chapel bells echo in the deep valleys, and apricot trees line the roads.

Runkelstein Castle, glowering down on the vineyards below, hasn't heard a shot fired in anger for years. Pretty girls in peasant dresses serve wine in the ancient inns.

Italians and Austrians have mingled together in this idyllic scene for hundreds of years. But, apparently, they have loathed the sight of each other every minute of it.

In the province of Bolzano, which was given to Italy after the First World War, there are 217,000 people of Austro-German blood and 118,000 Italians. And the German-speakers have decided it is high time the whole area went back to Austria.

The German-speaking People's Party, which complains that the Germans do not get enough say in the

area, has called for self-determination. It has pressed the Austrian Government into bringing the matter up in the United Nations.

German military bands have been staging large-scale recruiting campaigns (there is already a strange excess of bandmen over instruments). These bands practise not only music, but are competent in military formations and drill.

In caves high in the mountains, Italian police (the police are all Italian) have discovered dumps of weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

Men eye each other's briefcases with helpful suspicion. Is there a bomb in that bulging case? A secret message under the Tyrolean hat?

### Cobblestones

Bolzano, 40 miles south of the Brenner Pass, is the capital of the province. It is really two towns—the German and the Italian. Tucked away in a deep cleft of the mountain it experiences almost no winter. Sunny skies shine down on it day after day.

I walked through the narrow, winding streets, past the cobblestoned market—to the office of the local German language newspaper.

Here in a typically severe German office, I met Dr Toni Ebner (nearly everyone round here is styled "Doctor"). The proprietor of the paper and a leader of the People's Party.

Dr Ebner told me about the Italian party, the M.S.I., which is his mortal enemy. "They are Fascists," he said. "They blow up all our ancient monuments. They dynamite the roads."

"They want to take away what little right we have been able to gain. But if something

isn't done for us very soon I may not be able to control our young extremists much longer."

Across the grey, gushing torrent of the Eisack river, which cuts the town in two, is the new, Italian part of the town. No cobblestones here. In a typical, modern Italian office block I found Dr Andrea Micolot, local leader of the M.S.I.—a small, excitable man with waving hands.

### Cockades

"The People's Party are nearly all ex-Nazis," he said. "They dynamite the roads. They blow up our national monuments."

It was impossible to tell whether he or Dr Ebner was telling the truth, because as yet no one has been caught blowing up anything.

Dr Micolot continued: "They call us Italian rats." I thought he was going to burst into tears. "They are banding together. Suddenly we find they have an 8,000-strong fire brigade round here. What do they need all that many for?"

It is difficult to see how the South Tyrolean problem is going to be solved, as the German side is not going to give way—and it is, of course, inconceivable that the Government in Rome would agree to the area returning to Austria.

How serious is this problem? It is certainly a case of bitter local nationalism, but it is not going to set Europe alight. And it is not easy for the outsider to take it very seriously.

I could find no real cases of discrimination against the German-speakers. There are German schools and there is full employment. All official notices are printed in the two languages, and even street names are doubled.

But the warlike goes on. German and Austrian tourists are handed propaganda leaflets on the trains bringing them through the Brenner Pass. It is "certainly" (always two menus) the signs above,

ling up their spaghetti glare at the hells working at their Wiener schnitzels.

Last year an ancient local order called the Schutzen (trifles) was revived. Its revival was a sensation among the Italians. The authorities can do nothing about it, because it is ostensibly for "athletes" and shooting competitions.

### Vineyard

Part of the activities of this rifle club, I learn, are military tactics. They wear uniforms of embroidered belts, hats with cockades, and long, white stockings.

Crowds come out to watch the Schutzen as they go defiantly marching through the streets.

I went to see Herr Partatscher, the man behind the revival of the Schutzen.

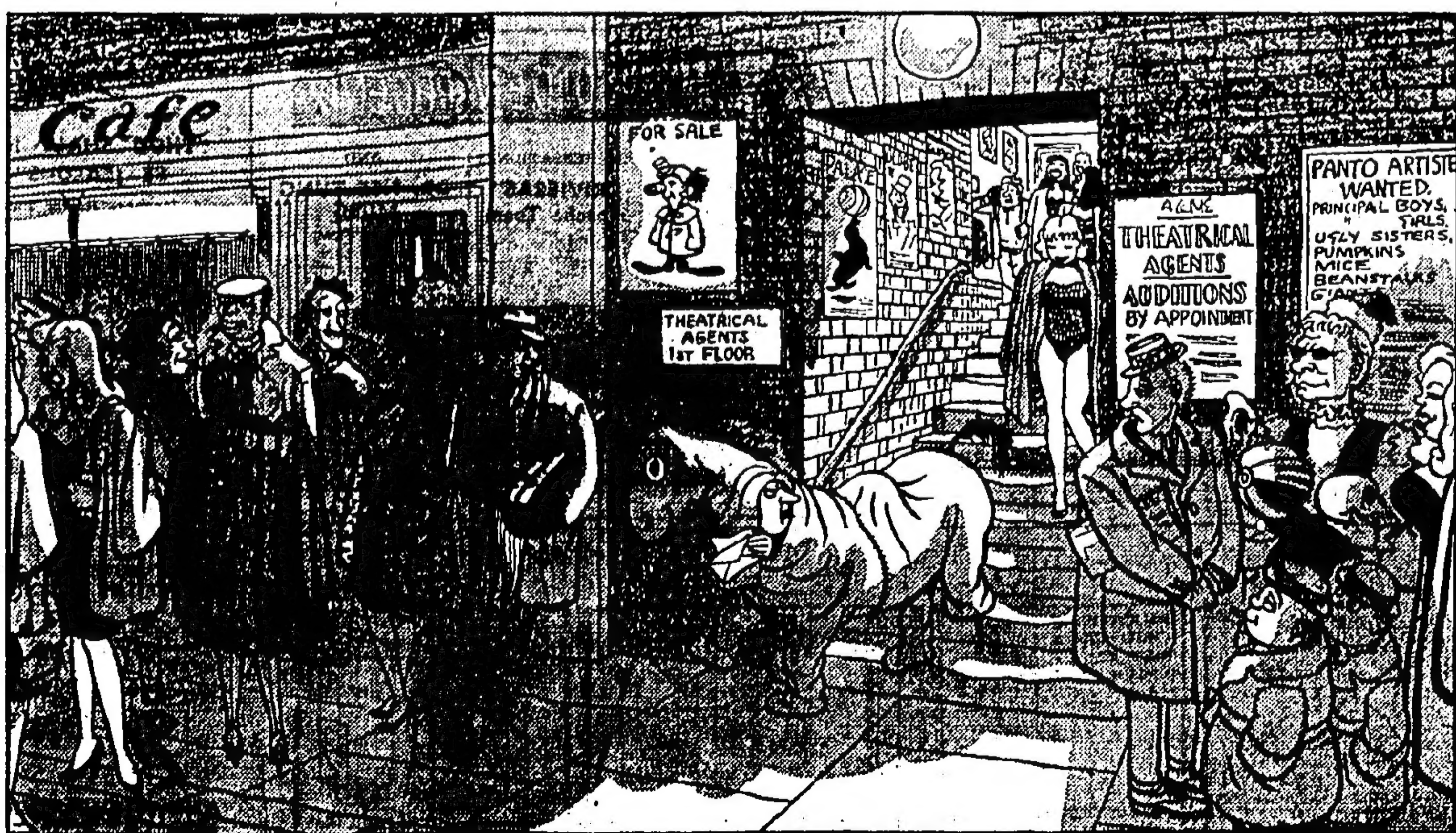
He told me the fact that the rifleman had been re-formed was "sheer coincidence."

"It's just for the tourists," he said.

Partatscher drove me to his vineyard. We sampled wine from various enormous casks and ate the customary slices of bread. It seemed a shame to get back to politics, but I asked him, if guerrilla warfare should break out, would the Schutzen take part?

"We would use everything. The spinsters' union, if necessary. But it is, of course, a purely peaceful movement at the moment," I said.

"Of course," I said. (London Express Service).



"That's handy—you're booked for Moscow under the Anglo-Russian Cultural Exchange scheme and I'm booked for Panto in Wigan." London Evening News.



# WOMANSENSE

## LADY LUCK

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): When making business plans for next year, make sure to give others in responsible positions a chance to voice their views.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Before coming to a definite decision about

your Christmas holidays, you ought to wait a day or two until you find how things are shaping up.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't upset a former associate by referring to his past mistakes; some things are better left unsaid.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): When writing an important letter be careful how you word it, so that no remark of yours may start an unpleasant controversy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): In trying to perfect yourself in your work you must not mind doing a subordinate job for a while in order to learn all the details.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): You will have to adopt very gentle methods in dealing with a rather weak person who would not respond to harsh treatment.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): Someone who has given you long and faithful service may leave you at the end of the year.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): When discussing arrangements for the holidays, don't mind words if you feel that too much money is being spent on trifles.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): You will realise this week how many friends you have from the number of greetings that will begin to pour in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Don't let a small irritation spoil the week for you; show patience and goodwill towards others.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): On receiving a last-minute Christmas gift from an unexpected quarter, don't rush to reciprocate. There is always next year.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): You will easily weather the strain of this week's extra work if you can manage to take things more easily afterwards.

**YOUR BIRTHDAY:** If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a bottle of wine.

### JACOBY on BRIDGE

HERE is a rather prosaic looking hand that gives opportunity for considerable study of both play and defence.

Of course, the four-heart contract is overambitious and a club opening or immediate club shift would beat it easily but West opened and continued diamonds and South ruffed the second lead high.

At this point he could have tried for five by leading a trump to dummy, ruffing another diamond high, drawing trumps and knocking out the ace of spades for club discards but East could take care of this line of attack by simply ducking spades twice. So South thought of a better line.

He drew two rounds of trumps and played the king of spades. East ducked so South

NORTH			
♠ J 9 5			
♥ Q 10 8 7			
♦ 10 3 2			
♣ A 5 4			
WEST			
♠ 7 3			
♥ 10 5 4			
♦ K Q J 5 4			
♣ K J 7			
EAST			
♠ A 8 4			
♥ 3 2			
♦ A 9 8 6			
♣ Q 10 9 3			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ K Q 10 6 2			
♥ A K J 9			
♦ 7			
♣ 8 6 2			
East and West vulnerable			
South West North East			
1 ♠ Pass 1 N.T. Pass			
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass			
4 ♦ Pass 4 ♣ Pass			
Opening lead—♦ K			

continued with a low spade to the jack and East ducked again. A third spade knocked out East's ace and he promptly led another diamond.

This forced South to make another good play but he was up to it. Instead of ruffing he simply discarded a club. Now he was able to ruff the next diamond with dummy's queen, cross to his hand and make good the last two spades.

### ♥ CARD SENSE ♦

Q—The bidding has been:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Double Pass 1 ♠  
Pass 2 ♠ Pass

You, South, hold:  
♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 4 5 7  
What do you do?  
A—Bid four spades. You only have six high card points but your suit and distribution are both good. Your partner has shown a very good hand.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
You hold the same hand and your one spade response has been passed around to East who has bid two clubs. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

### Rupert and the Whistlefish—51



The journey through the fog lasts so long that Rupert and Silbo Sam lose their way. "What's the good?" says Rupert, feeling very cold from the speed of their travelling. Even if that man in front may be going the wrong way there's nothing we can do about it. All rights reserved.



can do about it. All of a sudden they shoot out of the mist into clear air and streak forward until a coastline appears. Then the soldier in the boat ahead slips the rope and, leaving them stranded, sweeps away from them and dashes back into the fog.

## Into The 60's—And The Big News Is SILK

BY BARBARA GRIGGS

WHILE you and I are organising our own modest Christmas shopping, the shops and stores are already launched on the biggest shopping spree of all time—to fill their windows and cram their stockroom shelves for 1960.

And if you think there is a boom on now—just wait till next summer! Wholesalers I have talked to all tell the same story—fantastic orders already booked for spring and summer clothes, enough cotton dresses to cope with another record hot season. Heaven help them all if we don't get it.

What Paris and Italy say in January will have, as always, tremendous influence on line and colour; but, even without this lead, the fountains of ideas and gimmicks, of new processes and startling textile advances, are already playing brilliantly.

And, for the girl with money in her pocket, summer 1960 is going to be the hardest summer on record for keeping it there.

### Sparkling new trends

I've been this week on an exploration tour. In cold December, these were some of the sparkling new trends I learned about. In spite of terrific competition from all the easy-care miracle fabrics, in spite of enormously improved designs in cottons, the certain winner for next summer is SILK. Silk for shirtwaisters and occasional clothes; silk, above all, for sportswear and casual clothes.

And silk is going into the shops by the yard at the lowest prices I can remember: one pretty range of pure dress-weight silk will be selling by the yard for less than some of the imported cottons.

They have abandoned (about time, too) the clusters of rhinestones in conventional, Currier-type designs that made such desperate efforts to fool everyone (and failed), and the tiny strings of dejected bogus pearls that tried so hard even to look cultured.

Instead, they are producing jewels in exhilarating giant size, fake and proud of it, in designs that have struck, out on their own, and snowy pearls the size of plovers' eggs.

The brooch in the picture is a typical Lycra, measuring four inches across, is made of smokey brown and yellow glitter.

Dolcis are thinking in terms of DOVE GREY, Charles Jourdan, whose glittering new Bond Street shop opened with a splash recently, is backing WHITE for June onwards.

And three big shoe-firms have simultaneously discovered the possibilities of very light pigskin, natural, white or dyed for shoes. Shapers? Pointed, high-heeled, and as light as a slipper.

cently, is backing WHITE for June onwards.

With luck, they will be here in quantity some time next year. —(London Express Service).

Picture by JOHN COLE.

Preview of Henley 1960. The girl is wearing summer's favourite—a pure silk dress made of four squares with orange flowers brushed over a forest-green background, shoe string straps and a neat waist, and its own nylon net petticoat. The dress is going into the shops at the end of the month—in time for winter parties; Debenhams and Freebody will stock it. Dress by Rieck Michaels. Hat in white straw.

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In silk there's one big story: shirts, short dresses made up from printed silk SCARVES, using the yard area of their pattern as a design in itself, and in many cases their beautiful borders as hems or shirt-fronts.

The girl in the picture wears one from a London collection, made from some of the prettiest best-sellers in the Jacquard range.

Another London firm has imported hundreds of specially-designed scarves from Italy, to be made up into shirts, tunic tops and shorts.

Any girl who can afford it will be wearing silk on the beach next summer, but the old shirt-worn-loose-outside formula—on the way out. Instead, faded turtles or shirts worn inside with wide silk cummerbunds.

### All a-glitter

Glitter for party time shifts to low-level. In New York the girls are turning up wearing pailons with their own built in glitter-gold or silver.

Sounds flashy, but the result is a faint and beautiful frosting. Expect them here—in quantity some time next year.

Meanwhile, one enterprising London shop has had some rushed through in time for Christmas, for a guinea a pair.

### It's a fake

It doesn't matter any more how FAKE your jewellery is—so long as it's big enough. Taking a lead from the outside jewellery (all fake) that Givenchy and Balenciaga showed this autumn, the jewellery designers have been rethinking their job.

They have abandoned (about time, too) the clusters of rhinestones in conventional, Currier-type designs that made such desperate efforts to fool everyone (and failed), and the tiny strings of dejected bogus pearls that tried so hard even to look cultured.

Instead, they are producing jewels in exhilarating giant size, fake and proud of it, in designs that have struck, out on their own, and snowy pearls the size of plovers' eggs.

The brooch in the picture is a typical Lycra, measuring four inches across, is made of smokey brown and yellow glitter.

Dolcis are thinking in terms of DOVE GREY, Charles Jourdan, whose glittering new Bond Street shop opened with a splash recently, is backing WHITE for June onwards.

And three big shoe-firms have simultaneously discovered the possibilities of very light pigskin, natural, white or dyed for shoes. Shapers? Pointed, high-heeled, and as light as a slipper.

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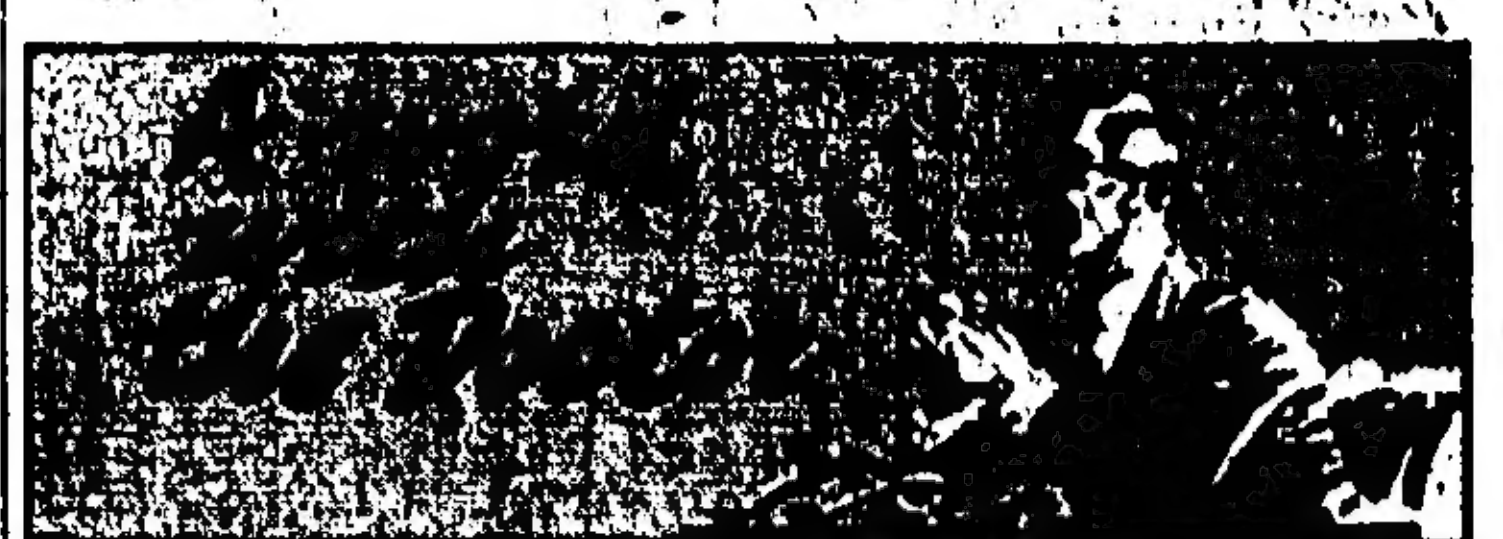
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## A CHILD'S FIRST STEPS

IN grandma's day it was often a gamble whether or not children would ever learn to walk properly. The reason was rickets, a disease that struck fear into every mother's heart.

Today, rickets is a museum-piece of a disease. But it is surprising how many mothers still worry needlessly about the odd way her youngster starts to do his hiking.

It is not yet generally realised that when children start learning to walk, their legs find the effort rather too much and they bend with the weight. They either bend outwards and become bow-legged or inwards and become knock-kneed.

This initial bending is normal, and the toes are turned inwards to maintain balance until the legs have straightened.

If you watch a bow-legged chimpanzee (and they always are bow-legged) you will see it tends to walk on the side of the feet and is very turkey-toed. It has to put up with this state of affairs all its life.

Children learn to walk at very varying ages. But if, after nearly a year, the toes show no sign of becoming straight, it's time to seek advice. Certain congenital bone defects may be responsible and most can be treated with some success.

No sooner does the anxious mother find that she needn't worry about the early turning-in of the toes than she is faced with another apparent defect. Her child has now got flat-feet.

This appearance of flat-footedness is a deception. Babies have fat feet, not flat ones. The arch of the infant's foot is already there but is filled in with fat which normally disappears at about the age of two.

Even after that age mothers should be patient, for many children don't seem to get a good arch until much later. Can we do anything to help these arches? Probably not very much, but exercises do help a little. To make these attractive it is best to prescribe dancing lessons, especially when it is a girl.

Bathing, particularly in the sea, helps to tone up the muscles and ligaments of the feet, so that if little flat-footed Freddie doesn't like dancing it is to be hoped he lives at the seaside.

Footnote: There is one important thing to remember about all children's foot troubles. Do get good, well-made shoes. Cheap shoes rarely fit comfortably. Corns and bunions can be avoided by spending more on boots and less on bonnets.

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# Eastern ..... 3 Army ..... 1 SHOT SHY SOLDIERS

## Army Had Most Of The Play But Eastern Got The Goals

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In a scrappy disappointing first division football match played at the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon Eastern defeated the Army by three goals to one. There was very little between the sides and, taken over the whole 90 minutes, the soldiers had far more of the play than the Chinese boys but the finishing of their forwards was woefully weak.

One aspect of the game which must have caused both sides a lot of concern was the number of passes that went accurately to the feet of an opponent. Chu Wing-wah was Eastern's biggest offender in this respect although he was hard pressed by Chung Yu-wai for the doubtful honour.

In the Army side Hamilton surely qualified for the mis-passer's bracket but Calder, Johns and Balne were all well in the running. Move after move collapsed when a pass which could have meant so much went straight to a waiting opponent. Eastern collected two valuable points and on they had to take the field without Ho Ying-fun they were probably delighted with the result even if they could take very little satisfaction from the way it was achieved. Once again veteran Lee Ping-chu was the man of the match. The right-back seems to have found a new lease of football life and one spectacular clearance when he headed the ball away

from under the bar after his goalkeeper had been beaten all ends up, was probably the turning point of the game. Ho Ying-fun at that particular stage might have changed the whole situation. Lee Kwok-wah, Lam Sheung-ye and Lee Yuk-tak were the other Eastern players who earned special merit marks while Kwok Ying-lok, who replaced Ho Ying-fun at inside-right, fitted very well into the scheme of things.

On the debit side of the Eastern account was a surprisingly shaky display by goalkeeper Tam Nai-huen who seemed to suffer throughout from a severe attack of the jitters. He was very lucky indeed to reach the final whistle with only one goal against him. Chu Wing-wah scored a fine goal but, even allowing for that, this must rank as one of the poorest games he has played in years. It is true he got a knock but long before that he had been completely out of touch.

### Army's Trouble

Wing-halves Fong Chi-chai and Ma Man-hung were never able to reproduce the fine form they showed against Tung Wah only a week ago and it was fortunate for both of them that the men immediately behind were in tip-top form. The same comments apply to winners Szeto Sum—whose seldom suggested he really knew how to beat Higginbottom—and little Chung Yu-wai who fussed and flurried but achieved very little. It is hard to pin-point just what is wrong with this Army side. In this game they tried desperately hard. Maybe that was the trouble... maybe they were trying too hard. The team is crying out for a sort of guiding hand. There is energy, enthusiasm and talent in the lineup yet it is not producing the results it deserves. In the course of yesterday's game the same errors were made over and over again and no one seemed capable of spotting them and coaxing, cajoling or commanding the offenders towards new ideas.

The side was all too often a collection of willing units striving oh so hard... but striving without a plan... and against the very experienced Chinese players there is little reward in that. Wright had surprisingly little to do but he had no chance with the goals that beat him... although some folks thought he should have got to the ball before the incident which led to a penalty-kick and Eastern's second goal.

### Useful Man

With the departure of Tipper the Army moved Riche into the right-back position and he showed that when he settles down he will be a useful man to have around... if he survives the missed heartbeats occasioned by big John Higginbottom's much too casual approach to the game. Higginbottom is a natural ball player and he does some delightful things with just enough of the nerve to make you tingle or shiver as the case may be.

When it comes off it is fine. When it falls it is sometimes fatal and the Army almost died for one or two of its misfires yesterday.

Travers had a good game in the centre-half position. The big fellow has found his feet and he has the strength and stamina to keep going for 90 minutes.

The Army's wing-half problem still persists although in possession both Masterston and Hamilton were competent enough. Too often, however, they were beaten to the ball and too often their distribution was faulty. Masterston is a hard tackling middleman and it is given a chance to fit in he will let a few opponents know they have been in a game.

On the opposite flank Hamilton does many clever things and so obviously has talent that it is rather disappointing that he is not achieving more. In the second half he suddenly developed the urge to do more up in so doing he left a big hole in the Army left flank and

this was particularly dangerous when his final pass went astray, as it so often did. The Army front rank was a big disappointment. Heggings had one grand try in the first half when he sent a rasping volley inches over the bar. There is plenty of promise in Bellamy. His footwork is good and he shows the right instinct for the game but like his partner he faded after a bright start. Raine ran for miles with but in spite of all his chasing I cannot recall Tam Nai-huen having to deal with one direct shot from the blonde centre-forward.

### Groans

If I am any judge of footballing personalities I think Calder will want to forget about this game. The inside-left had, what we used to call, a square-ball outing. Nothing came off no matter how hard he tried. A lucky knock on the side of the face did not help things at all and of course he was often cramped in his efforts by Johns who kept moving inside on top of his partner.

There was a good crowd on hand to see the start of the match. They had to wait a quarter of an hour for their first bit of thrills and even then it ended in loud groans when Chu Wing-wah missed a great chance to put his side ahead. Eastern eventually took the lead after 23 minutes in rather fortunate fashion. Wright was penalised apparently for shouting—or maybe it was carrying—in the penalty area. The indirect free-kick resulted in a scramble and when the ball reached Lee Yuk-tak he drove it powerfully into the net, although there was more than just a suspicion of offside about his position.

Almost as a sort of compensation the soldiers collected two indirect free-kicks at the other end but on both occasions the hard hitting Eastern defenders managed to clear the ball out of danger.

At the halfway stage Eastern were still ahead by a solitary goal. The Equaliser It took the Army just one minute of the second half to get the equaliser for when the Chinese defence hesitated for a fraction of a second Calder was right on the spot to trundle the ball home. In the 56th minute Eastern went ahead again when Lee Yuk-tak scored from the penalty spot after he had apparently been fouled by both Travers and Wright.

The Army continued to have most of the play but they were unable to get the ball into the net and just when it seemed they might snatch the equaliser they lost another goal instead. Chu Wing-wah, who had moved out to the left touchline to nurse an injury, swept into the penalty area, got a lucky rebound and two men and the ball into the net as Wright plunged towards him. This goal came in the 23rd minute. It gave Eastern a 3-1 lead and without too much trouble they maintained their position until the end.

VERDICT: A scrappy, big-kick game is never very satisfying and this one was no exception. The players were not helped in their efforts by a light lively ball and a bumpy, uneven, badly reared pitch that is showing little sign of recovering from the punishment it received during the visit of the 'Holiday on Ice' show. One end of the field is in very poor condition and the strange behaviour of the ball makes control very difficult indeed. Eastern deserved the two points if only because their defenders made fewer mistakes than their Army counterparts... and the forwards grabbed the few chances that came their way.

### The Teams

Army: Wright, Riche, Higginbottom, Masterston, Travers, Hamilton, Heggings, Bellamy, Raine, Calder, Johns. Eastern: Tam Nai-huen, Lee Ping-chu, Lee Kwok-wah, Fong Chi-chai, Lam Sheung-ye, Ma Man-hung, Szeto Sum, Kwok Ying-lok, Lee Yuk-tak, Chu Wing-wah, Chung Yu-wai.

## Fists Went Flying In France-Australia Rugby Test Match

Bordeaux, Dec. 20. Australia beat France by 17 points to 2 in the second Rugby League Test here today to clinch the series.

There were a number of incidents during the match with fierce tackling provoking flat-fights. One of the worst brawls broke out in the 25th minute of the second half as a scrum broke up. Half a dozen players from both sides went into each other with fists flying.

The French referee and touch judge were unable to separate them, but other players eventually pulled them apart.

Australia, who won the first Test 20-18, today scored three tries, and four goals to France's one goal. The Australians led 7-2 at half-time.

It was a hard, sometimes fiery match in which the forwards were outstanding for Australia. Harry Well ran 60 yards for a first-half try for Australia and Johnny Raper and Brian Carlson went over in the second half. Keith Barnes, who was very sound at full-back, kicked Australia's four goals, including a penalty. Claude Sneyd had opened the scoring for France with a penalty goal—Reuter.

## W. Indies Making Bold Attempt To Avoid Umpire Disagreements

Grenada, Dec. 20.

The West Indies are making a bold attempt to avoid one of cricket's most controversial problems—disagreements over umpire rulings.

This is in keeping with the obvious desire of both sides to avoid trouble on the present MCC tour. For the first time in West Indies cricket history, leading umpires are travelling to other islands. Previously, umpires were chosen only from the territory in which the match was being played. Now, there is a panel of six, consisting of the best WI umpires.

### Memorandum

Gerry Gomez, former Test player, trying to standardise tricky umpiring points in his capacity as the umpire-in-chief, has prepared an interesting memorandum. This states that during the last few Test series in the West Indies, there has been adverse comment on the standard of umpiring. In most cases the comment was unjustified, the memorandum goes on, but there were instances when the accusing finger could reasonably be pointed at acts of ignorance, negligence, lack of proper application and concentration. The memorandum said: "Too many of our umpires fail to improve with their bearing on the field, thereby creating an attitude of no confidence in the minds of visiting teams. Different interpretation of the laws resulting in difference of decision, even under similar circumstances, are most disconcerting to visiting sides and could lead to the so-called incidents which are so prevalent today."

### Criticism

The memo deals with throwing, dead ball, no ball, wides, leg byes, hit wicket, leg before and appealing. Umpires have been told to check drag and have no fear in no-balling a bowler after a warning. On the question of throwing, the memo states that the West Indies feel the original law is clear enough. But English umpires, generally regarded as the best in the world on an overall basis, come in for criticism on interpretation of leg before. The memo says there is an accepted attitude in the minds of English umpires that a batsman is not out when playing forward and the ball hits the front foot. China Mail Special.

## Surprise Defeat For Brazil

Bogota, Dec. 20. The Colombian soccer selection team today scored a surprising 2-0 victory over the Brazilian team.

At the end of the first half the score was 1-0. It was the first game of the elimination round to decide which of the two countries will take part in the next Olympic tournament in Rome. The second game will be played in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.—AP.

## WEEKEND SOFTBALL

## BAKER HUSSAIN PITCHES SEASON'S FIRST JUNIOR LEAGUE NO-HIT GAME

By OLLY VAS

It turned out to be a very quiet weekend at King's Park for softball fans, with the spotlight falling on the PI Dodgers' Baker Hussain who tossed a no-hit game against the Cheyennes, the first this year in the Junior division. His team-mates lent him good fielding support in the Dodgers' 11-1 victory, the solitary run for the Cheyennes being scored by Carlos Guterres on an infield error.

In other Junior league games the Indians easily accounted for New Asia by 21-8, the Pandas came from behind to nip the Stardusts 9-8 and the Gladiators thrashed the Austers 28-5. In the only Senior game of the week, the Pandas proved too good for the New U.S. Navy team from the "Remville" which replaced the "Bauer" at the last moment. The score was 7-1.

### Small Crowd

There was only a handful of fans present probably because of the early hour when the Pandas and the Stardusts took the field yesterday morning.

Battling first the Stardusts' Willie Choo soon opened the scoring when he made first on a bad throw from pitcher to first base. Willie stole second and third in quick order and stayed at the hot corner. Most Dayaram hit a long fly to centrefield for the first out then Oliveira got on base via a hit past the Pandas' shortstop and Choo came home to make it 1-0 for the Stardusts. The next two batters were retired on pop ups.

The Pandas tied the score in their turn at bat. With one away, Harold Kew tripled to right field. David Wu's grounder was badly fielded by George Viera and Kew scored.

### Fateful Seventh

Both sides failed to add to the score in the fifth and sixth innings and the seventh opened on a dismal note for the losers. Before they knew it two outs were registered against them but it was not yet over. Pitcher Mahadev Dayaram blasted a beautiful hit to right-field and ran all the way to third base. He represented the tying run and there was Johnny Souza coming up to bat.

The husky outfielder just was not destined to play the role of hero this time. His weak hit ended up in the outfield for an easy out to bring the game to a close.

The Stardusts were beaten but by no means disgraced in this game of fluctuating fortunes. They will live to fight another day, have no fear of that.

## Simpson Scores Double Centuries In Successive Shield Matches

Perth, Dec. 19.

Bob Simpson today became the first Western Australian batsman to make double centuries in successive Sheffield Shield matches.

A week ago the 23-year-old former New South Wales player hit 236 not out against his former state. Today he scored 205 not out against Queensland. So in consecutive innings here he has totalled 441 runs without being dismissed. Due largely to Simpson's great knock, Western Australia at the close had made 437 for eight in reply to Queensland's first innings total of 117.

Simpson, who began the day with 33 on the board, took nearly seven hours to complete his second double century. Scores were: Queensland 117, Western Australia 437 for eight (R. Simpson 205 not out; Freeman four for 99).—China Mail Special.

## Sports Diary

TO-DAY  
Meeting  
Interport Sub-Committee meeting at Sports Road, 8 p.m.  
Boxing  
Land Forces Individual Championship, Gun Club Hill, 2.30 p.m.  
Reserve Division: Kwong Wah v Police (B8) 5.30 p.m.  
Reserve Division: Kwong Wah v Police (B8) 2.15 p.m.

## Olmedo Loses To Hoad In Pro Debut

Sydney, Dec. 20.

Alex Olmedo began his professional tennis career today and suffered a 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 defeat by Lewis Hoad of Australia.

Five thousand fans went to the White City Stadium to see the professional debut of the Peruvian, hero of the United States Davis Cup team. "It was a terrific first professional match," said promoter Jack Kramer.

"Alex did really well for his first match with us," Olmedo, smiling at the start of a professional stream of dollars, said he felt fine. "I could have played better," he said, "but it was the first big game I played for three months."

Kramer has guaranteed Olmedo \$35,000 over one year.

Today he played in what Kramer billed as an international match between the United States and Australia. Olmedo's teammate is Pancho Gonzalez and Hoad's is Ken Rosewall.

The winning side will get A£1,500 and the losers A£500. In the second singles Gonzalez beat Rosewall 6-2, 6-4.

The United States took the international match when Gonzalez and Olmedo beat Rosewall and Hoad 6-4, 6-4.

Olmedo's prize money was US\$1,680 for his first 120 minutes of professional play.

He was on the court 75 minutes for the singles and 45 minutes for the doubles.—AP.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mini-Soccer Controversy

Sir,—In my previous letter (Thursday) I made a logical analysis of the mini-soccer situation as worked out by the ASF & OC, but clearly it was too condensed for "EFA" fan, so I shall try to explain it at a level more suited to his capacity for understanding. The first thing is to provide him with some facts of which he is unaware.

When the mini-soccer people asked to come into ASF & OC as a completely separate body, the HKFA made no objection—a tacit admission that they did not consider mini-soccer to be the same as the game which they control.

Later the mini-soccer people decided they wanted to be affiliated to the HKFA (and I believe that they still do); so they asked for this.

But the HKFA, passing the matter to FIFA for a decision, were ordered to reject the request! What could be clearer? The ruling body of Association football does not class mini-soccer as Association football; therefore it must be another game altogether. And if it is another game, then FIFA rules can have no effect upon it. You cannot have it both ways.

I am sure that reasonable people can see how unfair it is that FIFA will not accept mini-soccer as part of its code on the one hand, and on the other hand, were ordered to discriminate against it. Certainly no Association has any legal or moral right to forbid those people who play its game from playing a game which is controlled by any other Association which is in good standing with its local Olympic body. Cricket cannot be touched by the FA, nor can basketball nor swimming—and, by the same token, nor can mini-soccer, UNLESS FIFA WILL ALLOW IT TO AFFILIATE!

I cannot imagine that the Lawn Tennis Association would ever try to stop its registered members from playing competitive table-tennis. The situation with regard to the present controversy is exactly parallel. SPORTS FAN.

## THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby





# A NEW STAR APPEARS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF LOCAL RUGBY

Brilliant Future Predicted For Newcomer Hurst  
By PAK LO

Once in a blue moon a new star appears in the firmament of local rugby, and on Saturday in one of the minor matches such a player appeared. Shining brightly throughout the game, he is a certainty for the Colony team once the selectors have seen him.

Hurst is the name, and his position is stand-off. This column predicts a brilliant future in Colony rugby for this boy.

In suggesting that he is good enough for the Colony, consideration has been given to these other two stalwarts for this position, Johnson of the Club, and Davies of the Army, both of whom are not on a par with this youngster.

Under his bright leadership of the backs, the Whitfield Wanderers not only beat the Sappers by 12 points (four tries) to nil, but for the first time this season looked like the Wanderers of old, capable of leading anyone.

## Major 'Friendly'

In the major 'friendly' the Police and Brigade drew 8-8, each side scoring two tries. Brigade had a slight edge in the first half and Police the better looking team in the second half. The game was just right as neither side deserved to win or to lose.

Club "B" held the 32nd Medium to an 8-0 score in a scrappy first half, but in the second half the 32nd's three clicked and hammered their way through a disintegrating Club side to win by 14 points to nil.

The Lanes as expected also won, but only because the 5th Field made more errors, as was shown by the fact that all the penalties the Lanes scored were from inside the 25 near the posts. The final score was Lanes 14 points (one goal, three penalty goals), 5th Field five points (one goal).

Over at Stanley the RAF, playing a tight defensive

spilling game throughout, beat the Club "A" side by 11 points (one goal, two tries) to nil.

## Whitfield Wanderers

### v. Sappers

Clearly, the Wanderers' captain, who was playing for the Sappers must have felt very happy when he left the field, for though his own side lost, his Wanderers produced a lovely superior brand of rugby that was a joy to watch.

With Hurst always looking for the gap and finding it ninety per cent of the time, the Wanderers' three moves perfectly. Kirkland who has been playing at stand-off with no great success lately looked completely confident in the centre of the three, though much of his success must be attributed to the perfect passing of Hurst, for Hurst found his man every time with his passes, which like the rest of his game were crisp and concise.

## Worked Like Trojans

Davies, the other centre, also had an excellent game, and he, Kirkland and Hurst were finding the gaps in the defence time and again, and only good tackling kept them at bay.

The Wanderers, with the lighter pack, worked like

Trojans, and won most of the scrums and the line-outs. Wylie had an excellent game in the loose, while newcomer Zernay obviously unit, ran himself ragged in such a great effort, that within a short time Muntz may lose his place in the Army team. Much was expected of Zernay, but though no star he proved to be a very hard working second row forward with an excellent rugby sense.

## Perfect Three Move

The Sappers pack with Winn and Cleary doing their best were outclassed by the fiery Wanderers, and behind them their halves and three had nothing constructive to offer. Defensively the Sappers three were good, but in attack their line, like their passing was ragged.

The first score came from a beautiful three move with Hurst and Kirkland both breaking through in turn before passing. This left Davies once he had broken through in his turn with an open field, and he touched down well out. There was no conversion and this brings to mind the only weakness in the Wanderers' side. They have no kicker, 3-0.

The next score was from a perfect three move with the ball going from one wing to another and Neale finally scoring. No conversion, 6-0.

In the second half a strong attack by the Wanderers placed the Sappers in their own 25, and

finally from a five yard scrum the Wanderers heeled smartly and the ball was whipped out to Hurst who showed a fantastic acceleration to go through on the open side and score. No conversion, 9-0.

Lastly from the half way line the three were sent away again, with Davies making a lot of ground before passing out. No conversion, 12-0.

The game was well refereed by newcomer Grove-White.

## Police v. 48 Brigade

This was on the whole a good game — an even game, with the Brigade three handling more offensively and better than the Police three, while the Police pack made up for it by their robust play with Roberts once again leading the way.

The tackling was not outstanding on either side but it was sufficient to stop quite a lot of scoring.

The Police pack lost more scrums than they won, but they seemed to get the ball back often enough. However, the second row was kicking it back into the Brigade pack, or holding it for a long time, so that the Brigade three were able to

move up on the Police three, thus giving them no chance to move.

Lloyd had a good game, until he was injured late in the second half, but Hollis again proved a broken reed in the centre, and would probably be more useful on the wing with McNiven alongside Black in the centre in his place.

## Prominent

In the Brigade side Chapman caught the eye at stand-off, and Mordindale played his usual good game in the centre. Thompson and McCall were the best of a good pack, which was a little ragged in the loose mauls.

The Brigade kicked off, were awarded a scrum just outside the Police 25, heeled and Chapman broke blind and sent Bede-Cox over in the corner before the Police knew what had happened. No conversion, 3-0.

## Unlucky Hobbs

Before half-time the Police began to come into the picture and their pack went off in a good foot rush from the half-way line. The ball was kicked too far ahead but three Brigade players in turn each heeled at the ball instead of felling on it, and the Police pack were on top of it again and put it over the line for Black to beat the Brigade full-back to the touch down with a grand dive. Hobbs just missed, 3-3.

## GRAND MOMENT WINS THE HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP



Mr. Francis B. C. Ling's Grand Moment, ridden by K. Kwok, led from start to finish in the Haydock Park Handicap during last Saturday's Race Meeting at Happy Valley to win the short sprint event for Class 3 ponies by 1 1/4 lengths from Kelpie. Photo shows the finish of the race with Kelpie (No. 8) taking second place and Balkan Monarch (No. 2) a further half length behind in third place. Grand Moment, carrying 154 lbs did the distance in 59.2 seconds and paid \$12.60 for a win. — China Mail photo.

Though Hobbs missed two conversions and a penalty, all from difficult angles, he must consider this an unlucky day, for each one missed by a fraction.

The second kick went straight as a die, until a sudden gust of wind took it just past the post, while the third kick from an even deeper angle hit the upright and bounced out. An inch either way with any of these three kicks would have given the Police victory.

In the second half Brigade went ahead again, when Bede-Cox gathered a Police kick ahead, and being uncovered, broke through. He was not caught until he was deep in the Police 25. From the loose maul Brigade heeled smartly and Chapman went through to score well out. No conversion, 6-3.

Thereafter steady Police pressure eventually brought its re-

ward when the Police pack heeled in a five-yard scrum and pushed their way over the line to collapse and touch down. No conversion, 6-6.

## Club "A" v. RAF "A"

This was a scrappy game. Club had most of the ball, but missed Johnson and Wiggell, both of whom are injured.

Nor were they helped by the almen who started this game with one idea, and that was to lose by a small margin. To do this the RAF three lay flat all the time whether they were in the Club 25 or their own 25, and were only hoping for a loose ball for a breakaway try.

The Club naturally tried hard to keep the game wide open, and they did so sufficiently to win.

Hall and Ross played a good game, but this was Brown's day, for he proved that he can, when he wants to, find that little extra bit that makes all the difference.

Hutt was steady and confident at full-back, and should retain this position.

The Club pack won the lineouts but this was not surprising as the almen in accordance with their general tactical plan, made no attempt to jump for the ball, but instead concentrated on going through on the Club halves.

## Lovely Solo Effort

Watson scored the first try when he picked up a loose ball inside his own half, shrugged off three would-be tacklers and scored under the posts. Hutt converted, 5-0.

Next was a lovely individual attempt by Brown. The Club marked, and then kicked ahead. Brown flashed upfield, snatched the ball from the almen and looked round for someone to take a pass. Finding no one he went into top gear and left the defence standing as he touched down well out. No conversion, 8-0.

A three move, a loose maul, and another three move, with the ball going the other way across the field once again gave Brown his final chance. He beat off three tacklers and scored in the corner. No conversion, 11-0.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

A king's side pawn storm against the Sicilian Defence often leads to beautiful finishes, as in the following game won by Farrer, of Spain, at the last world team championship. 1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, P-K4; 4 Kt-K3, Kt-KB3; 5 Kt-QB3, P-KKt3; 6 B-K3, B-Kt2; 7 P-B3, Kt-B3; 8 Q-Q3, P-QB3; 9 Castles, B-Q2; 10 P-KKt4, R-QB1; 11 B-K2, Castles; 12 P-KR4, Kt-Kt; 13 B-Kt4, Q-R4; 14 K-Kt1, P-K4; 15 B-K3, B-K3; 16 P-R3, Kt-Q1; 17 B-KKt4, R-Q2; 18 P-R5, R-Q2; 19 P-R6, R-Kt; 20 P-R6, R-B1; 21 B-Kt4, R-Kt3 (threatening 22 R-Kt4); 22 K-R4, Q-P ch and mates; 23 B-QKt5, R-B3; 23 Q-P, R-B1; 24 Q-B3 ch, R-Q; 25 P-R6 ch, Resigns. After 25 P-R6, R-Kt, there is nothing to be done.

Solution No. 5757: 1 R-Kt1, K-Kt2; 2 Q-Ktch, K-R1; 3 Q-Kt2 mate. If 2 ... R-B3; 3 P-R6 mate, or 2 ... R-R3; 3 P-R6 (Q) mate.

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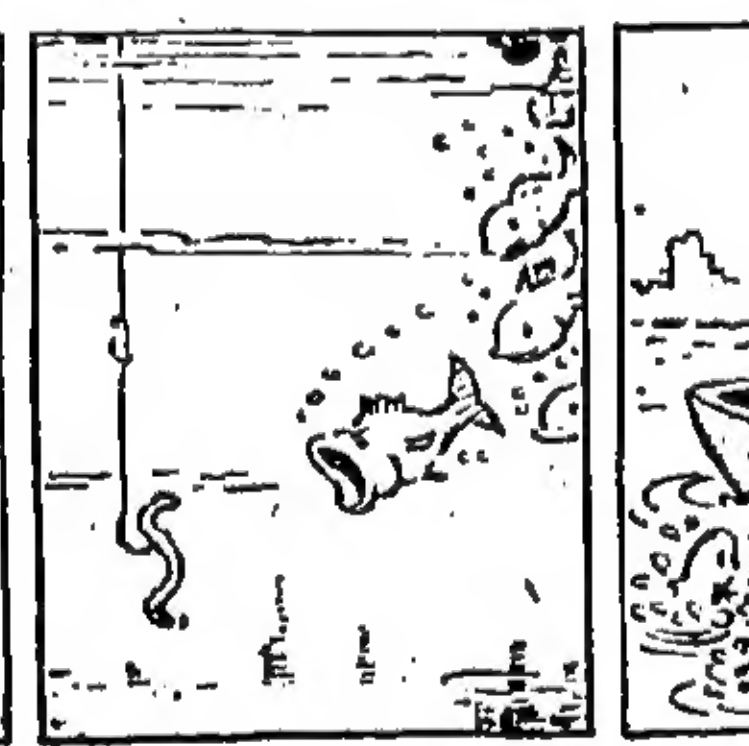
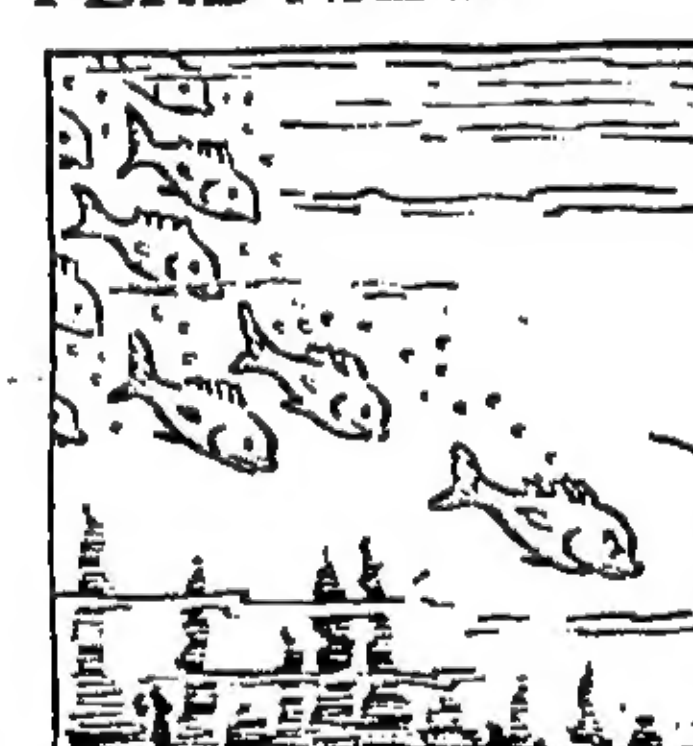
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By A CHINA MAIL  
REPORTER

Wanted: one "general factotum" at a salary of almost \$5,000 a month.

Offering the job of manager of the new \$20 million City Hall is the Urban Council. The new post was created during the year, and the council is looking for a man aged between 35 and 45 with varied capabilities, and administrative qualifications equal to the task of running this important cultural centre.

The post is equal to that of an assistant director in present Government departments.

### Museum Too

The manager will be responsible for the running of the concert hall and theatre, assembly rooms, banquet hall, ballroom, restaurant, libraries and museum.

As one Government official put it this morning, "What we are looking for, in fact, is a general factotum."

The City Hall will not be completed until the end of 1961, and in the coming two years, the manager will have the job of "forward planning," a little phrase likely to cause big headaches in the future.

He will have to prepare everything connected with the 1,540-seat concert hall, 470-seat theatre, and 500-seat restaurant. In addition there are six floors of libraries, a museum and an art-gallery.

### Hard Work

For his troubles, the manager will receive a good salary—\$4,900 per month—but he will have to work hard for it.

Other requirements are a high standard of education and a University degree or its equivalent.

Should no one be found locally, an expatriate officer will be imported for the job.

## New Foothill Road Taking Shape

By a China Mail Reporter

Construction work is well underway for the 9,000 ft. Foothill Road across the north of Kowloon.

From Tai Wo Ping on the west to Wong Tai Sin on the east, the new highway will serve as a shortcut for the transport of light industrial products from Ngau Tau Kok, Ngau Chi Wan, and Kun Tong to the New Territories.

Built 350 feet above sea-level, the two-mile road has been completed in part from Tai Wo Ping to the hill above Kowloon Tong.

### Drains Finished

The eastern half, from Kowloon Tong to Wong Tai Sin is still under excavation and rock blasting.

However, the drainage work for more than half the road has already been completed.

Its width varies between 24 and 28 feet and the pavement is six feet.

One characteristic is the spiral climb to lead traffic from ground level to a higher altitude at its western entrance. This looks like a flyover above Tai Po Road.

### House Sites?

Began last July, the road is expected to be completed next July when it will be handed over to the Government by the contractor, Gammon (H.K.) Ltd.

The land on either side of the new highway will provide good sites for private villas.

Later, a feeder road will be built from the new road to Clearwater Bay Road to connect with Ngau Chi Wan, Ngau Tau Kok, Kun Tong, Lymanmum Pass and Sai Kung.

Another feeder will lead traffic from Kowloon Tong up-hill to the new highway.

## Military Policeman Took Motorcycle

Lance-Cpl. Kenneth Breakwell, 22, RMP, attached to Lymanmum Barracks, was fined \$140 or five weeks' imprisonment by Mr E. Corbally of Central Magistrate's Court this morning for driving a motorcycle without owner's consent, driving without a valid licence and without third party insurance.

Fusilier Kenneth Duckworth, 21, Royal Northumberland Fusilier, attached to Lymanmum Barracks, was fined \$80 or two weeks and bound over in \$200 for one year for aiding and abetting taking away the vehicle and common assault.

### ON PILLION

Both defendants pleaded guilty.

Inspector J. Dempsey, prosecuting, said Breakwell drove away a motorcycle outside Rediffusion House, Gloucester Road, on Saturday night, with Duckworth on the pillion.

When the defendants were later located by a traffic policeman at King's Road, they abandoned the cycle and hid behind a private car. A Chinese man, Tsang Kwong, who had been watching the two men was punched in the nose by Duckworth.

## POLICEMAN'S REVOLVER SNATCHED

Two Charged

Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, alleged in the Criminal Sessions this morning that two men attacked a police constable and snatched his service revolver.

Mr Li was addressing a jury of four men and three women before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes.

The accused are Li Kam, 24, and Lai Tuen, 26, both unemployed. They are alleged to have robbed a revolver and five rounds of ammunition from constable Wan Kau-chai in Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Area on September 7.

They are also accused of making use of the revolver with intent to resist arrest. Both pleaded not guilty.

## Letters To The Editor

### The Country Club

Sir,—When our lords and masters in the Colonial Secretariat can hand over to some of the wealthiest people in the community, five and a half acres of the best land in the Colony to build another club, I wonder whether they are as closely in touch with public feeling as they claim to be.

The club project comes from the pigeonholes some 12 years after it was first proposed in a year known as the World Refugee Year. I believe total subscriptions to that worthy cause total about \$150,000. What, I wonder, will the rest of the world, which has donated so handsomely to our need, think if Hongkong fails to meet its \$2 million target, yet raises with ease the \$1,500,000 needed to start an international country club?

Would it not suggest a rather callous indifference to the plight of the needy, at the same time self-indulgence of a high order? Are we not leaving ourselves exposed to charges of 'I'm-alright-Jackie'? Because Hongkong is liberally endowed with clubs and social and sporting amenities already. Indeed those eligible to become members of the new club already have two country clubs to make their weekends in this horrid place that others call the jewel of the Orient, a little less trying—Shek O and the Jockey Club at Sheung Shui. If the promotion of international goodwill is one of the main objects, how much better it would be to dilute the national and racial exclusiveness of some of our existing clubs.

I recall that Brick Hill was the proposed site of an oceanarium. Is this now to be abandoned? That promised to be a badly-needed community project which would have been available to the entire population. Surely there is a case for much more careful thinking about the allocation of the land, assuming the oceanarium is a feasible proposition as far as planning and finance.

May I close on this note: in the next few years Government is committed to the expenditure of about \$300 million dollars for five major reclamation schemes to make available new land for housing and industrial development in Kowloon and the New Territories.

Can Government justify the provision of 5½ acres of land to give 600 well-to-do people an even wider variety of recreation and leisure than they already possess? Rightly the land should be reserved for the public but for the majority, not an exclusive minority who by their upbringing, education and their way of life here and elsewhere need no encouragement to co-exist in harmony with people of other nationalities.

INDIGNANT.

### This Funny World



"George is much taller than I am, and he doesn't care for twin beds—so we had it made to order."

## That Incredible Pianist— Aged Nine!

By D. E. GRAY

FOR me the most enjoyable performance on Professor Chao Mei Pa's Christmas Concert Programme of Sacred and Secular Music at Loko Yew Hall last evening was the incredible piano playing of young David Oei, a pupil I understand of Mrs Chao.

He is nine years of age, his feet barely touching the pedals as he leaned against the piano stool. Beginning with the first Chopin Waltz (and playing it very much better than many adults who appear in public) he went on to a number from Debussy's Children's Corner, a Spanish Dance by Albeniz, ending the group with 'Puck' by Grieg.

Each little piece was quite different, but this youngster not only has a most unusual command of the keyboard, but his feeling and interpretation were something to experience. Good luck to this young child—he obviously has a future in music.

It is impossible in a varied programme of this kind to deal with every item. Professor Chao conducted two school choirs (St. Stephen's Girls, and the True Light Girls) as well as the Crescendo Chorus, which are very well-trained and balanced. He is a very undemonstrative conductor, but he attains his tone contrasts just the same. Even the children in the Girls Chorus are catching on to his inspiration. The St. Stephen's Girls choir sang Strauss' 'Voices of Spring' very well. The True Light Choir, singing a series of sacred songs, should watch their intonation in their top notes.

Dr C. K. Wong can always be counted on to give us some good flute tone. He seems equally at home with the Chinese flute and the Western flute. The 'Meditation' and the 'Chinese Folk Song' played on the Chinese flute were delightful—this was the first time I had heard him playing the Chinese flute. He gets quite a rich warm tone out of this instrument. His accompanying, on the Western flute of Winnie Wei in 'Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark,' no doubt contributed to the audience's enjoyment of this number, for they seemed to like this soprano solo best of all.

This was a most interesting and varied concert. Professor Chao's Crescendo Chorus of about fifty voices can always be counted on to perform well, and their Christmas Carols last night were tastefully chosen, and effectively sung.

## EXHIBITION OF CHINESE PAINTINGS

The first exhibition of Chinese paintings by Miss Jennifer Hsu opened at St John's Cathedral Hall this morning. On show were over 100 paintings of landscapes, flowers, and Chinese beauties. The exhibition will remain open until Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

## "Ferry To HK" Luncheon

Mr George Rearden gave a Chinese luncheon at the Luk Kwok Hotel today. The luncheon was to celebrate the launching of "Ferry To Hongkong," which is to be screened at the Lee and Astor during the New Year Holidays.

## Burglary

Thieves broke into 125 Apila Street, first floor, between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday and stole money and jewellery to a total value of \$2,284.

## Service

Newark, N.J., Dec. 20. A 60-ton crane is used to deliver six cups of coffee each day to six iron workers dismantling a downtown building 180 feet above the ground—UPL.

From the Files

# 25 years AGO

December, 1934

THE bowling side which can dismiss the Hongkong Cricket Club for under 150 runs certainly deserve to win the match, writes the sports correspondent of the S.C.M. Post. "I cannot see how else any club can win against them," he adds.

To date they have played three matches, scored 557 for the loss of 14 wickets, making an average of 39.7 runs per man. Only eight men have so far batted, five scoring over 50 and one scoring an unbeaten century.

They excelled themselves last week when they knocked 180 off the Kowloon Cricket Club attack for the loss of four wickets in only 65 minutes. Bowlers of the type of F.S.W. Smith and R.E. Lee are not to be trifled with, but H. Owen and E. J. R. Mitchell, a former interport captain, shared a fourth wicket partnership of exactly 100 runs.

Of the total record, Owen-Hughes scored a chanceless unbeaten 104. Mitchell scored 54. The Club tried out a new opening bat in the person of L.D. Kilbee, who scored 17.

★ ★ ★

A WOMAN was hanged today for the first time in eight years in the UK. She was Mrs Ethel Lillie Major, 42, of Hull, who was found guilty of murdering her husband by administering strychnine poison.

The last woman to be hanged in England was Mrs Louie Calvert, 35, who murdered her husband in 1926.

Mrs Major was sentenced to death on November 1. Her husband, lorry driver Arthur Major, died of strychnine poisoning on May 24.

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